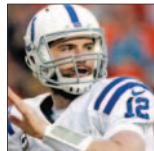


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LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN

South Korean president raises possibility of talks with North

BY ASHLEY ROWLAND
AND YOO KYONG CHANG
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SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's president said Monday she's willing to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un without any preconditions.

"I can meet with anyone if necessary to open the path of a peaceful unification," Park Geun-hye said during a nationally televised New Year's address.

The president said she would ask Pyongyang to address calls to denuclearize, but ending the North's nuclear program would not be a prerequisite for the proposed talks. The U.S. also said Saturday that it was open to dialogue with the North with a goal of denuclearizing the Korean peninsula.

The North has conducted three underground nuclear weapons tests in the past few years and has threatened to use nuclear weapons against South Korea and the U.S. It offered Saturday to halt further tests if the U.S. and South Korea halt annual joint military exercises, which the U.S. called an implied threat.

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South Korean President Park Geun-hye speaks during her New Year's press conference in Seoul on Monday.

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The percentage of respondents who said reunification with North Korea is in South Korea's best interests, in a survey conducted last year by the Seoul National University's Institute for Peace and Unification Studies. That's an increase of more than 7 percent from the previous year.

CENTCOM hacked on Twitter, YouTube

Troops threatened, military contact information released

BY TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Hackers claiming to be with the militant group Islamic State took control of U.S. Central Command's Twitter feed and YouTube channel Monday, posting threats to servicemembers and contact information of military staff and retired brass.

The postings lasted about 30 minutes and included what appeared to be a contact roster for U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., and other commands, the cellphone numbers and home addresses of some retired generals, and maps of North Korea and China. Stars and Stripes could not immediately verify if the documents were authentic.

On CENTCOM's YouTube channel, the hackers uploaded Islamic State propaganda videos and footage of the group's fighters.

When contacted Monday, a CENTCOM spokeswoman said the command was still gathering information on the hacks.

"We can confirm that the CENTCOM Twitter and YouTube accounts were compromised earlier today," the command said in a released statement. "We are taking appropriate measures to address the matter. We have no further information to provide at this time."

Its Twitter feed was suspended just after 1 p.m. Eastern time. The YouTube channel was disabled soon after.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have come here because the other kids are also my kids. I will complete the dreams of my son, the dreams I had about my son, by teaching other students."

— Teacher Andleeb Aftab, who lost her son in the Taliban attack on a Pakistan school in December that killed 150, returning to the classroom as the school reopened

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SIGAR cites Afghan police problems

By MISSY RYAN

The Washington Post

Afghanistan is unable to adequately track personnel and pay within its police force despite more than 13 years and billions of dollars of outside assistance, a U.S. watchdog said Monday, highlighting concerns about security forces as the United States and other Western nations withdraw.

In a new audit report, the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, an independent U.S. government body, said the United States, United Nations and NATO also bear responsibility for failing to resolve persistent weaknesses in the Afghan Interior Ministry's management of police units across the country.

Now, as the Western presence in Afghanistan grows smaller, the ability of donor countries to exercise proper oversight will only diminish, SIGAR warned in its report.

"There is a significant risk that a large portion of the more than \$300 million in annual U.S. government funding for (Afghan police) salaries will be wasted or abused," SIGAR said.

The shortcomings of Afghanistan's police take on new urgency

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audit report

in light of Iraqi security forces' failure in the summer to halt a major advance by the Islamic State militant group. The collapse of much of Iraq's military, which was trained by the United States from 2003 to 2011, exposed the deterioration of Iraqi forces following the U.S. withdrawal.

SIGAR said problems with management of Afghanistan's police, which numbers about 153,000 people, included Afghan officials' failure to properly use electronic and other systems for ensuring that salaries go to the right people.

In one example, SIGAR said Afghanistan's police do not properly use identification cards issued to each recruit in part to track attendance. Potentially even more worrying, the report said officials do not confiscate the cards of troops who leave police service, meaning there are almost 150,000 invalid cards in circulation.

Inadequate tracking could heighten the police's vulnerability to the kind of widespread corruption that has eroded many Afghans' faith in government institutions over the past decade. While the country's army has a positive reputation among many Afghans, the police have a more problematic image.

SIGAR also found that it is difficult for outside officials to cross-check data provided by the Afghan government. The watchdog faulted what it described as inadequate oversight by the United Nations and the U.S.-led NATO force in Afghanistan.

Since 2002, the United States has spent more than \$15 billion to build Afghanistan's national police force. Through a trust fund administered by the U.N. Development Program, the United States and other donor nations continue to fund police salaries and other costs. Without reliable data from

the Afghan government, SIGAR said, donor nations cannot plan accurately and cannot know with reliability how many police officers are serving in which part of the country.

Maj. Gen. Todd Semonite, who heads the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, said in his response to the SIGAR findings that his goal is to implement a fully functional electronic accounting and personnel tracking system by January 2016.

He said his command will withhold U.S. military funding for the U.N.-administered trust fund until he is confident about the United Nations' ability to oversee Afghan systems.

"In the past 90 days, we have applied significant pressure to enforce fiscal discipline and improve oversight," Semonite said in a statement emailed to The Washington Post. "We will continue to enforce discipline in the system."

Ghani announces 25 Cabinet post nominations

By CARLO MUNOZ
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Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's government announced nominations for 25 Cabinet posts on Monday, ending a three-month deadlock that threatened his program to tackle rampant corruption and confront Taliban insurgents now that most international troops have left.

Abdul Salam Rahimi, Ghani's chief of staff, announced the new Cabinet nominees, who must be approved by parliament. None are holdovers from the government of former President Hamid Karzai. After taking office Sept. 29, Ghani had pledged to bring in new blood to tackle the country's rampant corruption and a virulent

insurgency testing the country's nascent security forces.

Army Chief of Staff Sher Mohammad Karimi was nominated as defense minister. Acting intelligence chief Rahmatullah Nabeel was nominated to head the National Directorate of Security.

Noor-ur-Haq Uloomi, a former parliamentarian for Kandahar province, was nominated for interior minister.

Salahuddin Rabbani, who led the ill-fated peace talks with the Taliban last year as the head of Afghanistan's High Peace Council, was nominated as foreign minister. Ghani also nominated three women to head the ministries of higher education, information and culture, and women's affairs.

In December, Ghani announced

plans to nominate four women to his Cabinet.

The announcement of the Cabinet nominations may help soothe concerns in the international community over the stability of the Ghani administration. There has been concern about the strength of commitment of Ghani and the new government's chief executive officer, Abdullah Abdullah, to work together after their bitter, months-long election dispute over allegations of widespread fraud.

The U.S. Embassy praised Monday's announcement, saying in a statement that the Cabinet nominations marked another step in "our shared pursuit of security, peace and prosperity for the people of Afghanistan."

Also nominated on Monday was Qamarudin Shinwari as head of

the ministry of tribal and border affairs. His brother, Jalaluddin Shinwari, served as the deputy minister of justice under the Taliban when the group held sway in the country during the late 1990s, said Mohammad Hassan Haqyar, an Afghan political analyst who worked with the Taliban regime.

Members of the lower house of the Afghan parliament will begin vetting the administration's nominees. Candidates will outline their overall strategies for each ministry. Should a nominee fail to secure a majority vote from Afghan lawmakers, Ghani and Abdullah will have to make secondary nominations, according to the country's constitution.

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EUROPE

Airman pleads not guilty in AFN case

By MATT MILLHAM
Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Air Force Staff Sgt. Sean Oliver pleaded not guilty to premeditated murder and other charges Monday as his court-martial for the 2013 death of Petty Officer Dmitry Chepusov began.

Defense attorneys and prosecutors wrangled over the admissibility of a deposition and an alleged conversation Oliver had with the witness before Chepusov's death. Oliver faces the possibility of life in prison if convicted on the main charge: that he strangled his American Forces Network colleague in the house of another co-worker on Dec. 14, 2013, after a night of drinking.

Oliver, an AFN broadcast technician, was allegedly involved in a romantic relationship with the wife of Chepusov, who worked as a broadcaster for the military public affairs network.

Chepusov was found dead in the passenger seat of Oliver's car during a traffic stop in downtown Kaiserslautern, not far from the apartment where the killing allegedly took place.

Prosecutors submitted more than a dozen paper and plastic bags of physical evidence, which were carried into the courtroom in a plastic bin by two airmen. Among other items, the bin contained samples of blood spatter evidence found at the apartment, various cellphones and a set of bathmats and a towel.

Oliver allegedly told German police that he'd found Chepusov wandering around Kaiserslautern with the bathmats and towel and offered him a ride. An Air Force investigator said at a hearing in November that he didn't believe that version of events.

After hours of questioning by Air Force investigators, Oliver allegedly acknowledged some sort of involvement in Chepusov's death, though his defense attorneys have argued that the statement was not a confession. They earlier lobbied, unsuccessfully, to have Oliver's written and oral statements to the investigators suppressed.

Air Force Judge (Col.) Donald Eller granted some defense motions Monday to suppress parts of a deposition of an airman who has since been kicked out of the service.

Prosecutors said they had tried to reach the former airman, who lived in the apartment where Chepusov allegedly died, to testify at the trial, but he has so far failed to respond. Eller said he doesn't have the jurisdiction to compel the former airman to testify.

Eller estimated that the trial would take at least three weeks, given the list of witnesses and experts expected to testify.

Attorneys are set to begin vetting the panel — similar to a civilian jury — Tuesday morning. Eller indicated that process could take at least a day.

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DODEA names Islas as Europe interim director

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Department of Defense Education Activity has appointed Joan Islas as interim director of its schools in Europe after the recent retirement of Nancy Bressell, the organization announced late Friday.

Islas had served since September as the deputy director for curriculum, instruction and assessment in Europe. Before that, she was an assistant superintendent at the Department of Defense Office in Vicenza, Italy.

DODEA is currently advertising for Bressell's replacement, said a Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe spokesman.

Bressell retired in early January after 3 years with DDEA. She had been coming with the organization as a learning disabilities teacher in Mainz, Germany. She had led schools in Europe since 2009 and was previously the director of DODDS schools in the Pacific for six years.

As the interim director, Islas will oversee the operation of 71 schools on U.S. military installa-

tions throughout nine countries in Europe. The headquarters for DOD schools in Europe is at Sembach. The system is organized into four districts and includes more than 29,000 students and more than 4,700 employees.

Islas has worked for DODEA for 15 years, starting out as a mathematics teacher at C.T. Joy Elementary School in Jinhae, South Korea. She holds a doctorate in educational leadership from Argosy University in California.

"Dr. Islas is a very talented and dedicated leader who is committed to student achievement and success," DODEA Director Thomas M. Brady said in a news release. "Her familiarity, leadership and expertise in all aspects of our school operations in Europe will serve us well."

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Islas



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A decorative sign hangs in Bon Ami Cottage Crafts in the center of Mildenhall, England. Melanie Brooks, who owns the store with her husband, joked that these kind of signs will become antiques with the closure of the U.S. air base at RAF Mildenhall.

Reaction to base closure varies

By ADAM L. MATHIS
Stars and Stripes

MILDENHALL, England — Webbs Sandwich Bar was bustling at lunchtime, with nearly every seat taken in the eatery not far from the U.S. air base at RAF Mildenhall.

But sitting in a corner of the store, one of the owners sounded a cautious note a day after the Pentagon announced plans to close operations at RAF Mildenhall in the next several years. Paul Webb estimated that about 40 percent of his business was American — and the majority of that was from the base. Though the Defense Department has not given a precise timeline, the base closure will mean the eventual loss of 3,200 military personnel.

Webb won't have to shutter his business, but he and his wife, who run the cafe, may have to cut staff.

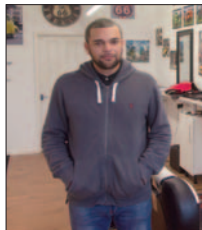
"Hopefully, whoever takes that area over will ... employ perhaps more people," he said.

His business and others in the town of Mildenhall may have reason to worry, but the news isn't all bad.

A 2012 economic analysis by U.S. Air Forces in Europe said Mildenhall's military personnel and civilian employees spent about \$191 million off base every year. But local business owners are taking heart from the fact that the Air Force is planning to expand to nearby RAF Lakenheath, whose airmen and civilians are already pumping an estimated \$304.6 million into the economy. About 1,200 additional troops will be stationed at Lakenheath starting in 2020, when the U.S. Air Force will base two F-35 squadrons there.

That's a hopeful sign for Bon Ami Cottage Crafts near Mildenhall's market square.

Melanie Brooks, who owns the craft store with her husband, was not concerned about the effect of Mildenhall's closure on



Wesley Churchill opened an American-oriented barbershop in Mildenhall, England, a little more than a year ago but is now concerned about the closure's effect on business.

Jaggard said, speaking of her American customers.

Jaggard's concern is shared by Nigel Roman, a councillor who represents part of the town of Mildenhall.

In a phone interview Thursday, he said he thought local businesses would suffer despite the fact that Lakenheath would remain open. Americans assigned to Lakenheath tend to patronize shops closer to their base.

"It will be a sad, sad loss to the area," he said.

The announcement made Wesley Churchill give at least some thought to selling his business a few years from now. He opened Route 66 Barber Shop a little more than a year ago, and the American flag logo on his sign points to his customer base. He is half-American, trained by an American barber, and he cut hair for Americans at RAF Alconbury before opening his shop here.

Churchill had heard rumors the base might close, but he dismissed them because rumors had abounded that Alconbury would close and that didn't happen.

"I was a little bit gutted," Churchill said, describing his reaction when he heard the news about Mildenhall.

Still, optimism seemed to prevail over gloom among shop and restaurant owners. Dee Porter, owner of Dees Floral Designs, estimates that 20 percent of her business comes from Mildenhall. The sign on her store says that Dees makes on-base deliveries.

While she will notice a reduction in business, Porter said, it will not make her close up shop.

She's worried about a more intangible loss: American culture and Americans patronizing the local pubs.

It will be a shame, she said, "that we don't have them here for ... the social side of things."

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'I shall miss them dreadfully.'

Carol Jaggard
Beatrice Carter Property

their business, even though about 40 percent of her customers are American. She joked that some of her products, decorative wooden signs that say "RAF Mildenhall," would become antiques. Her concern is reserved for others who may be badly hurt.

"I do know a lot of people who rely on [RAF Mildenhall]," she said.

One business likely to be hard hit is Beatrice Carter Property. Almost all of the real estate agency's customers are from the bases, and about half of them come from Mildenhall, said owner Carol Jaggard. "We're going to suffer more than anybody else."

She is hoping customers from Lakenheath will keep her losses down to about 25 percent.

"I shall miss them dreadfully,"

MILITARY

Discharged sex assault victims push for VA aid

By EMILY WAX-THIBODEAUX
The Washington Post

It took Navy Airman Apprentice Elena Giordano nine years to be granted service-connected disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the post-traumatic stress disorder she suffered after multiple sexual assaults.

Until recently, she was also not eligible for any VA medical care or other benefits because she was told she had not served long enough. It's a common problem for women and men who leave the service early because of sexual trauma.

"I was involuntarily discharged early. So I was not considered a real veteran," she said. "Yet I have spent the last 10 years suffering with PTSD because of the multiple traumas I endured there. And the second trauma of the VA denying what I'd gone through, especially when I filed my first claim in 2005, and it was denied. This is another issue for many of us that really needs attention."

After the first rape onboard a Navy aircraft carrier, Giordano said she immediately requested

reassignment as a police officer, "thinking I'd be safe there. I wasn't." The second rape happened after she was there only about a month, she said.

"After that rape, I began to lose it and was coerced into reporting by my supervisor. I had completely changed overnight. I was on edge. I couldn't sleep, so I was showing up to work late, failing inspections, et cetera. I had been a top-notch sailor before this. My supervisor told me he was going to have to punish me if I didn't have a good excuse for my sudden change in behavior. So I was cornered," she said.

"Either I told him what really happened and face the inevitable humiliation and potential retaliation, or I didn't tell him, and risk the rape, continue to be punished for my inability to function anymore. ... I told, and that was the end of my career."

She said she "was promptly treated like I'd confessed to a crime and was labeled crazy, and then booted out."

"From the day I reported to the day I was standing at my front door was less than three weeks," she said. "And we were out to sea

in the middle of the Pacific when it happened. Mind-blowing."

When she returned home to Arizona, the VA didn't notice that she had served for only nine months, technically too short a time to qualify for medical treatment.

"So I was initially enrolled in medical care. Then a few months later, a clerk noticed the error and told me I wasn't a real veteran and that I'd be charged if I ever came back," Giordano said. "So from October 2005 on, I was not allowed to have any medical treatment until now. Nor any other VA benefits, outside of counseling related to the military sexual trauma."

Her story, though, has a happy ending. In November, she was granted both health care and benefits as part of VA's widespread push to help veterans wrongfully denied benefits because of a lack of evidence.

VA is allowing many cases like Giordano's to be reopened under the new guidelines of "markers" rather than paper trails, such as police reports or medical treatment records that "most of us won't have because it was covered up," she said.

Airman who died on S. Korea base ID'd

SEOUL, South Korea — The Air Force has identified an airman found dead in his dormitory at Kunsan Air Base last 10 years ago, according to the base's public affairs office.

Talley, known as Craig, was found dead Jan. 5. The cause of death remains under investigation.

Talley was assigned to the 8th Operations Support Squadron and arrived at Kunsan in August. The Corinth, Miss., native is survived by his parents.

Lt. Col. Anthony Pelkington, squadron commander, called Talley's death "tragic" in a statement released by Kunsan.

"As we mourn him here, our hearts and condolences go out to his family and friends," he said. "He was a valued member of the [unit], and will surely be missed."

From staff reports

Report: DOD wants Marine force to stay at Spain base

Stars and Stripes

The U.S. military wants to establish a permanent presence of up to 3,000 Marines at a Spanish air base that now serves as a temporary host for a task force of crisis-response troops supporting U.S. Africa Command, a Spanish newspaper said.

In early December, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel issued a letter to Spanish authorities requesting permission to keep the Moron, Spain-based Marine quick-reaction force in the country, the newspaper El Pais reported last week.

According to the paper, the U.S. plan is to maintain a presence of roughly 850 Marines in Moron but allow for a surge of up to 3,000 troops in the event of a crisis.

The unit, a Marine Air-Ground Task Force focused on crisis re-

sponse, formed in 2013 in the wake of the attacks on a U.S. diplomatic facility in Benghazi, Libya. The team is mobilized periodically in connection with potential threats in Africa. The unit has supported U.S. evacuation efforts in South Sudan and Libya and has provided logistical support for U.S. anti-Ebola efforts in western Africa.

In March, the Defense Department announced it would boost its presence in Spain by adding more Marines to the MAGTF, which was slated to increase from 500 to 850 Marines.

The military's current basing deal is expected to expire in April, which means a temporary extension could happen before a long-term basing agreement is reached, according to El Pais.

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South Korean President Park Geun-hye maintains that her country can lay the groundwork for reunification with the North through a series of trust-building measures.

Open: S. Korean leader seeks better relations with North, Japan

FROM FRONT PAGE

Park said the talks — which would be the first since 2007 — would help lay the groundwork for an eventual reunification of the Korean, a key part of her foreign policy agenda.

"North Korea should respond to dialogue without hesitation," she said.

The prospect of eventual reunification has long been a given for many in South Korea, despite the growing economic, political and cultural disparities between the two countries. Park maintains that the South can lay the groundwork through a series of trust-building measures with the North and that reunification would lead to an economic "bonanza" for the South.

A survey conducted last year by the Seoul National University's Institute for Peace and Unification Studies found growing support among South Koreans for reunification, with some 55.9 percent of respondents saying it's in the South's best interests, up more than 7 percentage points from the previous year.

Park also called for the North to agree to hold reunions around the Feb. 19 Lunar New Year's holiday for family members on each side of the border who were separated during the 1950-53 Korean War, saying they can no longer be delayed because of the relatives'

advanced ages.

Seoul will also address its strained relationship with Japan by actively pursuing discussions aimed at improving relations with Tokyo, she said, adding that it was important for Japan to change its attitude on issues that have dogged relations.

Anger toward Japan over historical grievances related to its colonization of the Korean Peninsula still runs deep here. Issues range from rival claims on islets — called Dokdo by South Korea and Takeshima by Japan — to Japan's perceived lack of sincerity in apologizing for the sexual enslavement of women during its occupation.

Many in South Korea fear Tokyo's move toward collective self-defense — allowing its forces to come to the defense of allies in combat — signals a return to its past imperial ambitions and a possible threat to the peninsula.

In particular, Park urged Japan to address the "comfort women" issue prominently, saying the matter may never be resolved if Tokyo doesn't act now because the women are aging.

She also said the South would "firmly" maintain its alliance with the U.S., which has approximately 28,500 troops stationed on the peninsula as a deterrent to the North.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Kerry presses Pakistan on militants

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ISLAMABAD — Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Pakistan on Monday on an unannounced visit to press the country's leadership to step up the fight against extremists and eliminate safe havens for terrorist groups along the Afghan border.

After landing in Islamabad, Kerry headed directly into meetings with Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his national security adviser to make the case for more robust efforts against all extremist groups in the country, particularly after last month's devastating Taliban attack on a Peshawar school that killed 150 people, most of them children.

Pakistan has boosted operations against violent extremists in its recent months, notably following the Peshawar attack that stunned the nation. But U.S. officials traveling with Kerry said Washington wants to ensure that

there is a "real and sustained effort" to limit the abilities of the Pakistani and Afghan Taliban, the Haqqani Network and Lashkar e Tayyiba, which pose direct threats to Afghanistan, Pakistan and India, as well as to American interests.

Underscoring the importance of the security aspect of Kerry's trip, he was being joined in his meetings with Gen. Lloyd Austin, the chief of the U.S. Central Command, which oversees U.S. military operations in the Middle East and South Asia.

Pakistan has been on edge ever since the Dec. 16 attack on the Peshawar school that was claimed by the Pakistani Taliban as retaliation for an army operation launched in June in the North Waziristan tribal area. In response, Pakistan has boosted operations in the rugged tribal areas, reinstated the death penalty for terrorists and moved to try civilian terrorist suspects in military courts.

The extremists, however, have vowed to keep

up attacks and just on Friday, a suicide bomber blew himself up outside a mosque in Rawalpindi, next to Islamabad, killing five people.

Pakistan faces numerous obstacles in combating extremism, not least from networks of hardline Islamist seminaries and religious schools that promote radical ideology, and a flawed judicial system that has been criticized for an inability to prosecute and convict terrorist suspects. India reacted sharply last month when an anti-terrorism court granted bail to the chief defendant on trial for the 2008 attack that killed 166 people in the Indian city of Mumbai due to lack of evidence. The suspect has since been rearrested.

Still, Pakistan has long been accused of playing a double game when it comes to dealing with militancy — fostering some militant groups that operate in Afghanistan and India as a way of maintaining influence there, while pursuing other militants who target the Pakistani state.



RIK WILKIN, POOL/AP

Secretary of State John Kerry speaks at a press conference in Gandhinagar, India, on Monday before making an unannounced visit to Pakistan later in the day.

Pakistani children back to school after massacre

By ZARAR KHAN
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The Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Pakistani children returned on Monday to the school where Taliban gunmen killed 150 of their classmates and teachers last month, clutching their parents' hands tightly in a poignant symbol of perseverance despite the horrors they had endured.

It was the first time the school had reopened since the assault, and security was tight. The nation has been reeling from the Dec. 16 terrorist attack in Peshawar — one of the worst Pakistan has experienced. The violence carried out by seven Taliban militants put a spotlight on whether the authorities can end the stubborn insurgency that kills and maims thousands every year.

The massacre also horrified parents across the nation and prompted officials to implement tighter security at schools.

For Peshawar parents like Abid Ali Shah, Monday morning was especially painful as he struggled to get his sons ready for school, something his wife used to do. She was a teacher at the school and was killed in the violence. Both of his sons attended the school. The youngest was shot in the head but survived after the militants thought he was dead.

"A hollowness in my life is getting greater. I am missing my wife," Shah said. He said he had wanted to shift his children to a different school or city but decided not to because they still have to take exams this spring. "Everything is ruined here, everything," he said.

His older son, Sitwat Ali Shah, 17, said it wasn't until he saw his brother break down in tears as they prepared to go to school that he did as well. Sitwat said both he and his brother have trouble sleeping and often wake up, crying for their mother.

"Those who have done all this to all of us cannot be called hu-



Above: A Pakistani student leaves the Army Public School with his mother in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Monday as children and staff returned to a school in northwestern Pakistan where Taliban gunmen nearly a month ago killed 150 people. Left: Pakistani students look out from a vehicle on their way to school.

AP photos

the country still faces.

In Peshawar, media and vehicles were kept hundreds of yards away from the Army Public School, which had coils of barbed wire freshly installed on top of the compound's walls, and two helicopters circled overhead. The chief of Pakistan's army, Gen. Raheel Sharif, was on hand with his wife to greet and console the students.

Some women brought garlands of flowers and draped them around the children. Passages from the Quran were read and the national anthem was sung while parents, students and teachers were given a pamphlet about the psychological impact of terror attacks on children.

On social media, some Pakistanis questioned why top government officials were not at the ceremony.

Teacher Andleeb Aftab, who lost her 10th-grade son, Huzaifa, in the attack, came in a black dress and head scarf, walking to the place where he had last seen her son alive.

She said she chose to go back to school rather than sit at home and keep mourning.

"I have come here because the other kids are also my kids," she said. "I will complete the dreams of my son, the dreams I had about my son, by teaching other students."

On Sunday night, Ahmed Nawaz, 15, said he is still in constant pain and being treated for his badly wounded left arm but that he was determined to go back.

For the militants, he said he had one message: "We are not scared of you."

But in many families, apprehension mixed with anger. Aurangzeb Khan lost his 16-year-old son in the attack while his other son survived.

"We all are scared after this incident," Khan said. "I am not satisfied about what they are claiming or what they are doing for security and safety of the children."

mans," Sitwat said, adding he still wanted to go back to school and become an air force officer.

A ceremony was held at the school to mark its reopening, but classes were to restart on Tuesday. Security was tight, part of a

countrywide effort to boost safety measures at schools in the wake of the attack. Schools around Pakistan have raised their boundary walls, added armed guards and installed metal detectors, although many have questioned

why it took such a horrible attack to focus attention on school safety.

The government has stepped up military operations in the tribal areas, reinstated the death penalty and allowed military courts to try civilians — all attempts to crack down on terrorism. But in an attack Monday, gunmen killed seven paramilitary soldiers in the southwestern Baluchistan province, underscoring the dangers

NATION

Obama GOP outreach is seen unlikely

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When President Barack Obama sits down with eight top legislators — four from each major political party — at the White House on Tuesday, there's little expectation it will bring a new era of cooperation.

Republican leaders are already upset with the president for his recent veto threats and go-it-alone policy moves. Democratic leaders, now in the minority party in both chambers, will find themselves less relevant.

The White House dismisses any idea that the meeting is the start of a new congressional charm offensive.

Although Obama was a senator for four years before he became president, he never has had a strong rapport with members of Congress. Legislators from both parties have grumbled for years that the Obama White House doesn't reach out to them much.

Occasional attempts by the White House to change that dynamic, by inviting key legislators to dinners or the like, typically have faded fast. Obama's first golf game with House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, a Republican, came about only after the president had been asked repeatedly why he hadn't invited a fellow lover of the game to tee off. The outing was never repeated.

Last week, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate, John Cornyn, of Texas, told a home state newspaper he never had gotten a call from the president, "which is kind of amazing to me."

Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell took it as an insult when the White House issued veto threats just as lawmakers were taking the oath of office for the new Congress. "He could have waited a few hours," the speaker said.

While Obama has a "rock-solid" relationship with Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, Jim Manley, a former aide, said, even they aren't particularly friendly.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest dismisses the intense interest in Obama's chemistry with congressional leaders. "We're focused a little less on sort of the charm and more on the substance," he said.

Trust and goodwill lubricate the legislative process and any negotiations between the Capitol and the White House. It's possible to do a deal without them, but it's a lot harder.

Nancy Pelosi, the top Democrat in the House, credits Obama for going overboard to try to build positive ties with Republicans.

It's always nice to get along, but voices from both Congress and the White House caution against attaching too much importance to the idea. "People react way too much into personalities and all that stuff," said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn. "Despite what the American people think, there are a good many adults up here that understand that regardless of how you may feel personally about a situation, we have a job to do."



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

President Barack Obama, who has been criticized for not having a strong rapport with members of Congress, is not expected to make more of a personal outreach to the new GOP-dominated body.

Obama drops cautious tone on economy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama for much of last year was cautious when talking about the economy. It may be improving, he would say, but millions of Americans had yet to benefit.

Now that caveat is gone, replaced by a bullish new message as Obama enters his second-to-last year. "American resurgence is real," he says. "Don't let anybody tell you otherwise."

Despite multiple signs the recovery is taking hold, some point to stagnant wages and an income gap between rich and poor. The clashing messages reflect Obama's need to boost his economic credentials and establish a post-recession legacy.

Obama's new message as he approaches his annual State of the Union address Jan. 20, comes as the public begins to warm toward the economy. An AP-GfK poll last month found

negative perceptions of the economy overall are down compared with four years ago, with 57 percent describing it as "poor" compared with 83 percent who did in November 2010.

The new tone was evident last week during Obama's trips to Michigan, Arizona and Tennessee, where he touted the government bail-out of the auto industry, unveiled new housing measures and called for free community college. This week, he is focusing on information technology and cybersecurity.

His audience, aides say, is the two-thirds of voters who were too disgruntled to cast ballots in the November midterm election.

"They need to understand that there are reasons to be optimistic, that there is true, tangible, solid growth and that we believe it's going to portend good things," White House communications director Jennifer Palmieri said in an interview.

President seeks rules on hacking

By JULIE PACE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama wants Congress to pass legislation requiring companies to inform customers within 30 days if their data has been hacked, a move that follows high-profile breaches at retailers including Target, Home Depot and Neiman Marcus.

A White House official said Obama would announce the proposed legislation Monday, along with a measure aimed at preventing companies from selling student data to third parties and from using information collected in school to engage in targeted advertising.

Obama's proposals are part of a White House effort to preview parts of the president's State of the Union address ahead of the Jan. 20 speech. The official, who insisted on anonymity, was not authorized to discuss the proposed legislation by name ahead of Obama's speech Monday at the Federal Trade Commission.

If passed by Congress, the Personal Data Notification and Protection Act could require U.S. companies to notify customers within 30 days of their personal information being compromised. Recent hackings have exposed the lack of uniform practices for alerting customers in the event of a breach.

The legislation would also make it a crime to sell customers' identities overseas.

Obama's proposals follow last month's hacking at Sony Pictures Entertainment. The White House has blamed the cyberattack on North Korea and responded with new sanctions against the reclusive nation.

In addition to the customer notification legislation, Obama will also ask lawmakers to pass the Student Digital Privacy Act. The measure would prohibit companies from selling student data to third parties, a move spurred by the increased use of technology in schools that can scoop up personal information.

It's unclear whether the new Republican-led Congress will take up either of Obama's legislative proposals.

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Holder promises fair investigation of Petraeus

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — An investigation into whether retired Army Gen. David Petraeus illegally shared classified information will be conducted fairly, Attorney General Eric Holder said Sunday in the wake of reports that federal prosecutors have recommended that Petraeus be charged.

Holder, or his successor, would have to make the final decision about whether to file felony charges. Petraeus is suspected of sharing classified information with his mistress while serving as CIA director.

Holder said he would not comment on an

ongoing investigation. But he said on ABC's "This Week" that "any investigation that is ongoing will be done in a fair and an appropriate way."

Petraeus led U.S. forces in Iraq during the surge that turned the tide of the war there and is credited with drafting the military's counterinsurgency doctrine. He also commanded NATO troops in Afghanistan before taking over the CIA. He was popular politically until the affair with his biographer, Paula Broadwell, came to light and he resigned.

He has admitted showing poor judgment in having the affair but said he never gave the woman classified information. Law enforce-

ment agents have reportedly found such material on her home computer in North Carolina.

Asked on CNN's "State of the Union" about the reports, Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, of California, defended Petraeus and argued against charges.

"This man has suffered enough, in my view," she said. "... People aren't perfect. He made a mistake. He lost his job as CIA director because of it. I mean, how much do you want to punish somebody?"

Petraeus' attorney has not commented on the prosecutors' recommendation to file charges.



David Petraeus

Stats show changing drug trade at US-Mexico border

By Nick Miroff
The Washington Post

SAN YSIDRO, Calif. — Mexican traffickers are sending a flood of cheap heroin and methamphetamine across the U.S. border, the latest drug seizure statistics show, in a new sign that America's marijuana decriminalization trend is upending the North American narcotics trade.

The amount of cannabis seized by U.S. federal, state and local officers along the boundary with Mexico has fallen 37 percent since 2011, a period during which American marijuana consumers have increasingly turned to the more potent, higher-grade domestic varieties cultivated under legal and quasi-legal protections in more than two dozen U.S. states.

Made-in-the-USA marijuana is quickly displacing the cheap, seedy, hard-packed version harvested by the bushes in Mexico's Sierra Madre mountains. That has prompted Mexican drug farmers to plant more opium poppies, and the sticky brown and black "tar" heroin they produce is channeled by traffickers into the U.S. communities hit hardest by prescription painkiller abuse, offering addicts a \$10 alternative to \$80-a-pill oxycodone.

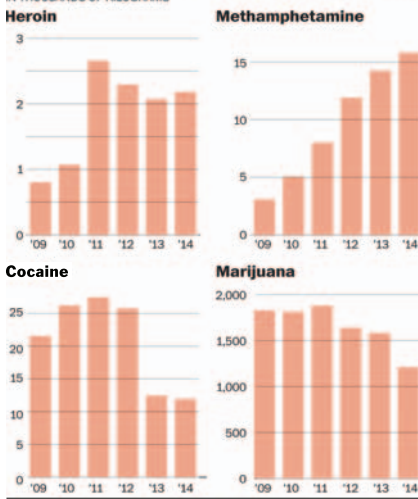
"Legalization of marijuana for recreational use has given U.S. consumers access to high-quality marijuana, with genetically improved strains, grown in greenhouses," said Raul Benitez-Manaut, a drug war expert at Mexico's National Autonomous University. "That's why the Mexican cartels are switching to heroin and meth."

U.S. law enforcement agents seized 2,181 kilograms of heroin last year coming from Mexico, nearly three times the amount

Southwest border drug seizures

Heroin seizures along the U.S.-Mexico border have nearly tripled since 2009, while seizures of meth have quintupled.

IN THOUSANDS OF KILOGRAMS



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confiscated in 2009.

Methamphetamine, too, has surged, mocking the Hollywood image of backwoods bayou labs and "Breaking Bad" chemists. The reality, according to Drug Enforcement Administration

figures, is that 90 percent of the meth on U.S. streets is cooked in Mexico, where precursor chemicals are far easier to obtain.

"The days of the large-scale U.S. meth labs are pretty much gone, given how much the Mexi-

cans have taken over production south of the border and distribution into the United States," said Lawrence Payne, a DEA spokesman. "Their product is far superior, cheaper and more pure."

Last year, 15,803 kilograms of the drug was seized along the border, up from 3,076 kilos in 2009.

"Criminal organizations are no longer going for bulk marijuana," said Sidney Aki, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection port director here at the agency's busiest crossing for pedestrians and passenger vehicles, just south of San Diego. "Hard drugs are the growing trend, and they're profitable in small amounts."

Voters in the District of Columbia and 23 U.S. states have approved marijuana for recreational or medical use, with Colorado, Washington state, Alaska and Oregon opting for full legalization. Estimates of the size of America's marijuana harvest vary widely, and DEA officials say they do not know how quickly it may be increasing as a result of decriminalization.

Mexican cartels continue to deploy people as "mules" strapped with 50-pound marijuana backpacks to hike through the Arizona borderlands and send commercial trucks into Texas with bales of shrink-wrapped cannabis so big they need to be taken out on a forklift.

But the profitability of the marijuana trade has slumped on falling demand for Mexican "brick weed," so called because it is crushed into airtight bundles for transport across the border. Drug farmers in the Sierra Madre say that they can barely make money planting mota anymore.

The cartels, and consumers, are turning away from cocaine too. Last year, U.S. agents confiscated 11,917 kilograms of cocaine

along the Mexico border, down from 27,444 kilos in 2011.

That reflects lower demand for the drug in the United States, experts say, as well as a cartel business preference for heroin and meth. Those two substances can be cheaply produced in Mexico, unlike cocaine, which is far pricier, and therefore riskier, because it must be smuggled from South America.

The Sinaloa cartel, considered Mexico's most powerful drug-trafficking organization despite the capture last February of leader Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, remains the dominant criminal power along Mexico's Pacific Coast. Its territory spans the entire western half of the U.S.-Mexico boundary, from Ciudad Juárez, opposite El Paso, to Tijuana, on the Pacific Coast.

At harvest time, the cartel's middlemen make their rounds to remote Sierra Madre stream valleys in pickup trucks and four-wheelers, armed with guns and cash. They buy sticky balls of raw opium from hardscrabble farmers and deliver them to crude heroin kitchens that prepare the drug for shipment. The U.S. interstate highway system is less than a day's drive away.

Heroin and meth are far easier to transport and conceal than marijuana. Especially worrisome to U.S. officials is a growing trend of more border-crossing pedestrians carrying the drugs strapped under their clothing or hidden in body cavities.

"The criminals are trying to blend in among the legitimate travelers, who are 99 percent of the individuals crossing through here," said Aki, the San Ysidro port director. "That's the hard part for us."



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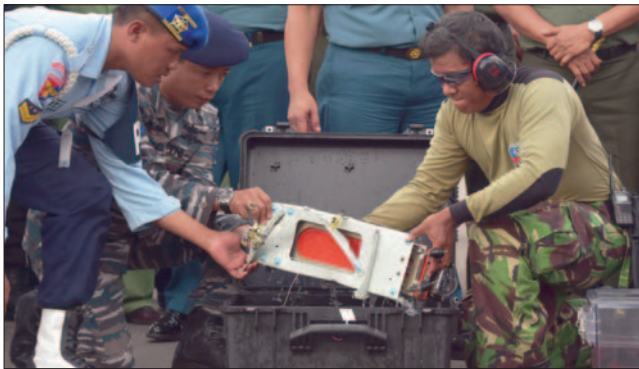
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Indonesian military personnel on Monday prepare the flight data recorder of the ill-fated AirAsia plane for shipping to the capital, Jakarta, for evaluation.

Divers find both AirAsia black boxes, retrieve 1

By **ACHMAD IBRAHIM**
The Associated Press

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia — Divers retrieved one black box Monday and located the other from the AirAsia plane that crashed more than two weeks ago, key developments that should help investigators unravel what caused the aircraft to plummet into the Java Sea.

The flight data recorder was pulled from beneath a piece of the aircraft's wing and brought to the sea's surface, and the cockpit voice recorder was found hours later, said Suryadi Bambang Supriyadi, operation coordinator for Indonesia's national search-and-rescue agency.

He said the voice recorder was 66 feet from the data recorder but remained lodged beneath heavy wreckage, and divers were struggling to free it at a depth of 105 feet. Searchers began zeroing in on the location a day earlier after

three Indonesian ships picked up intense pings from the area, but they were unable to see the devices due to strong currents and poor visibility.

The two instruments, which emit signals from their beacons, are vital to understanding what brought Flight 8501 down on Dec. 28, killing all 162 people on board. They should provide essential information about the plane and all of the conversations between the captain and co-pilot for the duration of the flight.

"There's like 200-plus parameters they record," said aviation safety expert John Goglia, a former U.S. National Transportation Safety Board member. "It's going to provide us an ocean of material."

The flight data recorder will be taken to Jakarta, Indonesia's capital, for evaluation, and the other black box will be sent as soon as it is retrieved. It could take up to two weeks to download and ana-

lyze their information, said Nurchayho Utomo, an investigator at the National Committee for Safety Transportation.

The slow-moving hunt was boosted over the weekend when the Airbus A320's tail was lifted from the seabed. It was the first major wreckage excavated from the crash site, but the black boxes were not found inside as hoped.

Search efforts have been consistently hampered by big waves and powerful currents created by the region's rainy season. Silt and sand, along with river runoff, have created blinding conditions for divers.

Henry Bambang Soelistyo, head of the national search-and-rescue agency, said Sunday that divers had located a wing and debris from an engine. Officials have been working urgently to locate the main section of the plane's cabin, where many of the victims' corpses are believed to be entombed.

4th ship to join Malaysia Airlines jet search

The Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — A fourth ship with specialized underwater sonar equipment will join the search for a Malaysia Airlines jet 10 months after it vanished under mysterious circumstances, an Australian official said Monday.

The ship Fugro Supporter was on its way to the search area after conducting trials off the Indonesian island of Bali, Australian Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss said in a statement.

"Fugro Supporter has been equipped with a Kongsberg

HUGIN 4500 autonomous underwater vehicle," the statement said. "The AUV will be used to scan those portions of the search area that cannot be searched effectively by the equipment on other vessels."

Not a single trace of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 has been found since the Boeing 777 vanished with 239 people aboard on March 8 last year during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

The jetliner veered sharply off course and flew for hours with its communications systems disabled before disappearing.

Three ships — two provided by

a Dutch contractor and one from Malaysia — have already been scouring a 23,000-square-mile area of the Indian Ocean about 1,100 miles west of Australia.

Since October, the ships have searched one-fifth of the highest-priority search zone.

Martin Dolan, chief commissioner of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, the agency leading the search, said the unmanned submarine equipment would be used to take a second, closer look at difficult seabed terrain where towed sonar was less thorough.

Uganda: We want to try rebel commander

KAMPALA, Uganda — Uganda's government says it wants the rebel commander who recently surrendered to be tried in the country for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

State Minister for Regional Cooperation Asuman Kiyingi said Monday that some leaders want Dominic Ongwen tried at the International Criminal Court but that Uganda's court system has the capacity to try him. Ongwen, a Lord's Resistance Army commander wanted by the ICC, is in U.S. custody in Central African Republic after surrendering to American forces last week.

Report: Russia sought to recruit Snowden

BERLIN — A close ally of Edward Snowden has told filmmakers that Russia's intelligence agency sought to recruit the for-

mer National Security Agency contractor, but he declined the offer.

WikiLeaks staffer Sarah Harrison said the Russian FSB intelligence security service approached Snowden while he was stuck in the transit area of Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport for six weeks in 2013.

South Korean nitrogen leak kills 2, sickens 4

SEOUL, South Korea — LG Display Co. said Monday two people were killed and four others sickened by a nitrogen leak at its factory north of Seoul.

LG Display said in a statement that the victims were carrying out regular repair and maintenance work when the nitrogen leak occurred not long after midday at the factory in Paju city.

The factory where the accident occurred manufactures LCD screens for large-size televisions.

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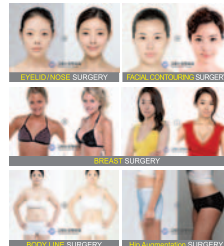
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Anti-immigrant sentiment grows among Germans

By FRANK JORDANS
The Associated Press

GROSSROEHRSORF, Germany — The 17 North African refugees turned up just before Christmas — and Simon Richter felt nothing to cheer.

The electrician and his friends organized a meeting that sent out a message loud and clear: We don't want the foreigners in our midst. Within days, authorities caved to pressure and moved the young men elsewhere.

The episode reflects the increasingly tense mood in the eastern state of Saxony, where anti-immigrant protests have been growing by the week, drawing international attention and fears that xenophobia is on the rise again in Germany — whose Nazi past has long made such sentiments taboo. The protest movement is expected to get a big boost by last week's terrorist attacks in Paris.

Last week, about 18,000 people marched through the state capital, Dresden, under the banner of a group calling itself Patriotic Europeans against the Islamization of the West, or PEGIDA. Bigger numbers were anticipated at the rally on Monday. As the protests gain strength, there have also been sizable counterdemonstrations against them.

Many of the marchers come from rural areas near the borders with Poland and the Czech Republic. During the rallies, they hold up signs with the names of their towns and villages and insist they aren't racist — just ordinary people worried about crime

— though skinheads and far-right activists are visible among the crowd.

"I think they've got a legitimate cause," said Richter, who has attended several PEGIDA protests himself.

Shortly after the asylum-seekers moved into a disused gymnasium that authorities had set aside as temporary accommodation, police and firefighters had to be called to deal with a refugee who had injured himself while drunk and another who set fire to some garbage bags.

"You have a lot of people living close to here, as well as a playground and a school," Richter said. "It was simply the worst place to house refugees in a small community."

The mood in Grossroehrsdorf — population 6,700 — finally turned against the asylum-seekers when a 23-year-old local man reported to police that he'd been assaulted by one of the foreigners.

Days later, police announced that the man had lied. But by then, authorities had already decided to shut the gym and disperse the refugees across other asylum centers in the region.

The decision was not just a victory for Richter and his friends. The far-right National Democratic Party, or NPD, also saw a reason to celebrate.

Its local representative, Juergen Koetzling, told The Associated Press that the party supported the protests in Grossroehrsdorf and has helped with logistics behind the scenes during the PEGIDA marches in Dresden.

"We support such events with



JENS MEYER/AP

One of about 18,000 participants holds a cross beside a German flag during a rally called "Patriotic Europeans against the Islamization of the West" in Saxony's capital, Dresden, eastern Germany.

equipment and the printing of fliers, but the initiative comes from concerned people in the various villages," Koetzling said. It's part of the party's new tactic since narrowly failing to clear the 5 percent threshold in Saxony's regional elections last year.

"Until the next election, we're going to be doing what I'll call grass-roots policy," said Koetzling, a construction engineer.

Protestant pastor Stefan Schwarzenberg, who supports the refugees, said people in Saxony remain affected by decades of communist rule, even 25 years after the end of the dictatorship in East Germany.

"There are people who are still stuck in their old thinking and their old horizon," he said.

Schwarzenberg said the fear of Muslims — a sentiment that has been growing in different parts of Europe — was largely based on ignorance.

"Even though they hardly know any foreigners or have asylum seekers in their towns and villages," he said, "they have this bogeyman, which is the Islamization of the West."

Political prisoners released by Cuba

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Cuba has completed the release of 53 political prisoners that was part of last month's historic deal between the United States and Cuba, the U.S. said Monday.

The prisoners had been on a list of opposition figures whose release was sought as part of the U.S. agreement last month with the Cuban government. They had been cited by various human rights organizations as being imprisoned by the Cuban government for exercising internationally protected freedoms or for their promotion of political and social reforms in Cuba.

Last month, Cuba and the U.S. agreed to work to restore normal diplomatic relations as part of a deal in which Cuba freed an imprisoned U.S. aid worker along with an imprisoned spy working for the U.S. and the imprisoned dissidents. The U.S. released several Cuban intelligence agents. The deal came after 50 years of hostility between the two countries.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said in an appearance Monday on "CBS This Morning" that he supports improving ties with Cuba, but he said he's worried that the Cubans are getting virtually everything they want from the United States for "these minimal changes."



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Foreign ministers seek Ukraine progress

By DAVID RISING
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's foreign minister is hosting his counterparts from Russia, Ukraine and France to try to calm the Ukrainian crisis and perhaps clear the way for a summit of the countries' leaders.

The Berlin meeting on Monday evening follows a flurry of diplomacy, including a brief weekend encounter in Paris between the German, French and Ukrainian leaders.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel also has spoken by phone with Russian President Vladimir Putin and met the president of Kazakhstan, the possible host of a four-way summit on Ukraine.

Merkel and Foreign Minister

Frank-Walter Steinmeier are pushing for progress on implementing a much-violated peace deal that was drawn up in September. Berlin says a substantial narrowing of differences between Ukraine and Russia is needed for a summit to take place. The Kremlin also said Monday that prospects for the meeting depend on the outcome of the talks in Berlin.

The two sides have remained wide apart on major conditions of a peace deal. Ukraine and the rebels have failed to agree on a line of division, and fighting in eastern Ukraine between the government and pro-Russian rebels has escalated in recent days.

Speaking in Moscow on Monday before heading for Berlin, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey

Lavrov sternly warned Ukraine against trying to crush the pro-Russian rebellion by force.

He said that Russia expects the West to use its influence with Kiev to discourage it from launching another offensive, adding that "it will be a catastrophe."

The pro-Russian rebellion flared up in Ukraine's mostly Russian-speaking eastern regions following Moscow's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in March. More than 4,700 people have died in fighting in the east since April, according to the United Nations.

Lavrov reaffirmed that the rebel-controlled territories should remain part of Ukraine, but he stressed that the government in Kiev must implement a constitutional reform that would expand the powers of the regions.

WORLD

Reporter links gunman to 'underwear bomber'

CAIRO — A Yemeni reporter says that in 2010 he met one of the gunmen responsible for last week's massacre at a French newspaper, saying the man claimed to have lived with the Nigerian who tried to carry out the failed al-Qaida "underwear bomb" plot five years ago.

Yemeni journalist and researcher Mohammed al-Kibsi said he first met Said Kouachi in the capital, Sanaa, while the gunman was studying Arabic. Al-Kibsi told The Associated Press on Monday, "He was very polite and had a sense of humor so for me I could not expect that a few years later he would be the suspect of a terror attack."

The journalist said Kouachi said he had lived with Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, convicted of trying to blow up a Detroit-bound airliner.

Russian official: Restore anti-terrorism efforts

MOSCOW — Russia's foreign minister says terrorist attacks in France have highlighted the need to restore anti-terrorism cooperation between Moscow and the West.

Sergey Lavrov said Monday that such cooperation, which the West suspended last year amid tensions over Ukraine, was essential for fighting terrorism.

Lavrov represented Russia during Sunday's anti-Islam march in Paris after 17 people were killed in an attack in the French capital.

France probes if comic is 'defending terrorism'

PARIS — The Paris prosecutor's office says it has opened an investigation into the controversial comic Dieudonné after a Facebook post in which he said "I feel like Charlie Coulibaly."

The post from Dieudonné, who has faced allegations of anti-Semitism for a gesture that many say mimics a Nazi salute, has since been taken down. It merges the names of Charlie Hebdo, the satirical newspaper where two gunmen massacred 12 people, with that of Amedy Coulibaly, who prosecutors say killed four hostages at a kosher supermarket.

The investigation for "defending terrorism" was opened on Monday, said prosecutor's spokeswoman Agnes Thibault-Lecuire.

Kerry soon to go to Paris to show solidarity

AHMEDDABAD, India — Secretary of State John Kerry said Monday he will travel to Paris this week to show solidarity with the French people, following sharp criticism of the Obama administration for not sending a senior official to Sunday's rally for unity in Paris that was attended by some 40 world leaders and more than 1 million people.

Kerry said at a news conference that U.S. officials, including himself and President Barack Obama, had been "deeply engaged" with French authorities since the attack immediately after the first attack occurred and had offered intelligence assistance.

From The Associated Press

France: 'Threat is still present'

Amid hunt for attack accomplices, troops deployed to protect at-risk sites

By LORI HINNANT
AND SYLVIE CORBET
The Associated Press

PARIS — France ordered 10,000 troops into the streets Monday to protect sensitive sites after three days of bloodshed as it hunted for the accomplices of the Islamic militants who left 17 people dead as they terrorized the nation.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls said the search is urgent because "the threat is still present" after the attacks that began Wednesday with a massacre at the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo and ended when the three attackers were killed Friday in two nearly simultaneous clashes with security forces.

"The work on these attacks, on these terrorist and barbaric acts continues ... because we consider that there are most probably some possible accomplices," Valls told BFM television.

It was not clear exactly how many accomplices French forces were hunting for in addition to Hayat Boumeddiene, a common-law wife of Koulibaly, who killed four hostages Friday at a kosher grocery in Paris before being killed by security forces. Boumeddiene was reportedly in Syria with a male travel companion.

The defense minister said the country is mobilizing the 10,000 troops to protect its people. Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said



REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/AP

Police officers and French army soldiers patrol Rue des Rosiers, in Paris' Jewish quarter, on Monday.

the deployment will be fully in place by Tuesday and will focus on the most sensitive locations. By midday Monday, Paris' Marais — one of the country's oldest Jewish neighborhoods as well as a major tourist site — was filled with police and soldiers.

Interior Minister Bernard Ca-

zeneuve said 4,700 security forces would be assigned to protect France's 717 Jewish schools.

Boumeddiene crossed into Syria on Thursday, the day after the Charlie Hebdo newspaper massacre that left 12 dead, and the same day her husband shot a French policewoman to death

on the outskirts of Paris. Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told the state-run Anadolu Agency on Monday that Boumeddiene arrived in Turkey from Madrid on Jan. 2, ahead of the attacks in Paris. She stayed at a hotel in Istanbul with another person before crossing into Syria.

Market attack deepens fears among European Jews

'On Monday I am going to make Aliyah. We are not going to wait around here to die.'

Yohan Cohen

kosher market attack survivor, using the Hebrew term for immigration to Israel

By COLLEEN BARRY
AND ARON HELLER
The Associated Press

MILAN — The killing of four French Jews in last week's hostage standoff at a Paris kosher market has deepened the fears among European Jewish communities shaken by rising anti-Semitism and feeling vulnerable due to poor security and a large number of potential soft targets.

In the wake of the attacks, which follow deadly strikes on a Belgian Jewish Museum and a Jewish school in southwestern France, Israeli leaders have called on European Jews to immigrate to the Jewish state. But European Jews are deeply ambivalent about leaving, and their community leaders, along with top politicians, have urged people to stay in their homelands.

"The European Jewry is the oldest European minority and we have our experience of surviving in all possible circumstances," Moshe Kantor, president of the European Jewish Congress, told The Associated Press. "We will not give up our motherland, which is called Europe. We will not stop the history of European Jewry, that is for sure."

Kantor called for increased security at Jewish sites, concerted

action against anti-Semitism across the continent and better coordination of intelligence forces against religious extremism. But he acknowledged that if any Jewish European does not feel safe, "I say you should leave in this case."

Many French Jews already are. Last year, 7,000 immigrated to Israel as anti-Semitism spiked across France, fed by tensions with the country's large Arab population after the outbreak of Israel's war against Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip. That was double the previous year, making France, for the first time, the No. 1 source of immigration to Israel, according to the Jewish Agency, a nonprofit group that helps Jews move to Israel.

Officials in Israel are expecting — and encouraging — a new influx following the Paris standoff. Since last week's attacks, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has encouraged European Jews to move to the Jewish state.

In an interview with Israel's Channel 10 TV Saturday, Yohan Cohen, one of the hostages who hid inside a freezer at the kosher market for five hours, said he would now move his family of four children to Israel.

"On Monday I am going to make Aliyah," he said, using the Hebrew term for immigration to Israel. "We are not going to wait around here to die."

Overall, immigration was up 88 percent from Western Europe in 2014, with the arrival of 8,640 immigrants compared with some 4,600 in 2013, with surges also from Italy, Belgium and Britain, according to the Jewish Agency.

Experts say European Jews have not felt this threatened since World War II, when some 6 million Jews were murdered in the Nazi Holocaust. Researchers at Tel Aviv University monitoring anti-Semitism have reported a chilling increase in attacks in Europe over the past decade, including deadly shootings in Toulouse,

France, in 2012 and Brussels last year. In recent years, France has had the highest number of incidents of any single country.

For many of Europe's 2 million Jews, the mood following the Paris attacks was one of tense vigilance amid increased security and additional personal precautions. Some were defiant and determined to remain. Others wondered whether their way of life can continue.

Heightened security measures, visible and nonvisible, were swiftly enacted at Jewish places of worship, study and business across Europe over the week-end. Security officials and Jewish leaders in Italy, Britain, Poland, the Netherlands, Germany and Austria confirmed increased surveillance of vulnerable sites without providing details.

Still, many Jews are taking their own precautions. An Israeli mother of three, who has been living in Berlin for several years, said she no longer allows her children to talk in Hebrew outside the home.

"When we are outside, I tell my kids to only speak English," said the woman, who did not want to give her name out of fear. "I'm too afraid that somebody will recognize that we are Jewish or Israeli and then harm us."

WORLD



Text and photos
by The Associated Press

5 years after quake, Haiti still on mend

IT'S BEEN five years since the ground shook violently in and around the overcrowded capital of Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest country, raising a cloud of dust over the smashed city and outlying towns.

The devastating magnitude-7.0 earthquake struck at 4:53 p.m. Jan. 12, 2010, killing 316,000 people, according to Haiti's estimates. Some 1.5 million Haitians were left homeless and the country's government was obliterated. Desolate streets were filled with rubble and the piercing sounds of anguish.

Here's a selection of photographs that show Haiti then and now. Archive photos are juxtaposed with images taken around the capital of Port-au-Prince in recent days.

Today, some hard-hit sites in Port-au-Prince have changed dramatically and most

lots are cleared of rubble. The historic Iron Market in downtown Port-au-Prince, leveled by the 2010 quake, has been replaced by a colorful new landmark with decorative minarets and a clock tower.

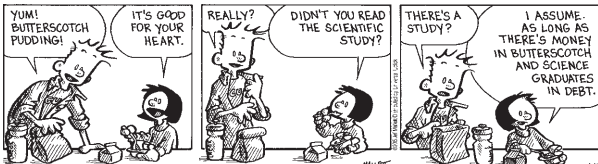
The pancaked National Palace, its collapsed domed roof a powerful image of a government in ruins, has since been demolished and its wreckage cleared from the grounds.

Some of the broken white walls of the once-towering National Cathedral still stand. The site has attracted a few destitute Haitians, still living in tarp shelters.

A trash-strewn market area in downtown Port-au-Prince still looks ramshackle five years later, though splintered power lines have since been carted away.

Some places have seen more progress than others but one thing is clear: Haiti still has a far ways to go before it can say it has finally "built back better," the goal repeatedly stated by reconstruction officials.

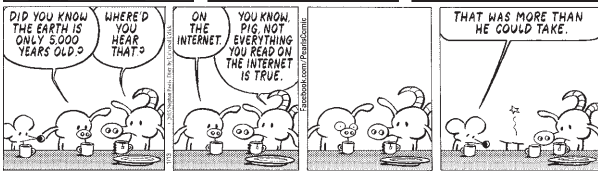
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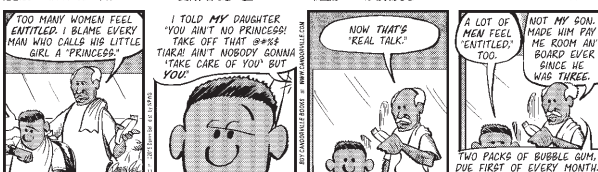
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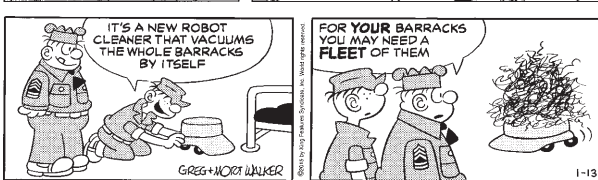
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 31 Sacred text
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- 33 Paragraph portion

- 35 Sicilian spouter
- 36 Indiana city
- 37 Harsh precipitation
- 38 Chirps
- 40 Lose sleep?
- 42 Hooter
- 43 With equivocation
- 48 Island garland
- 49 Latvia's capital
- 50 A Great Lake
- 51 Tolkien creature
- 52 Retain

DOWN

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- 3 Meadow
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- 5 Overtime Iranian leader
- 6 Compassion
- 7 Favorable vote
- 8 Baby frog
- 9 Vanish into thin air?
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- 11 By word of mouth
- 16 Patriotic chant
- 20 Commotion
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- 29 "Phooey!"
- 31 Crazy
- 34 Spigot
- 35 Football team
- 37 Tackle moguls
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- 46 Mouth part
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Today's Cryptquip Clue: N equals L

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man killed when gun accidentally discharges

LA BATON ROUGE — As Jawan Lloyd Billy, 19, awoke in a Baton Rouge home, police say he adjusted his pants — causing a gun tucked into his waistband to discharge, killing a man who also was waking up just feet away.

The Advocate reported that Billy has been charged with negligent homicide. Police said Billy and the victim, Demarcus Rheams, 20, were sleeping on the same couch in a garage apartment when the two began to wake up about 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Police said as Billy “attempted to adjust” his clothing, the gun discharged, striking Rheams once in the side of his chest. Rheams was sitting next to Billy on the couch when the shooting occurred.

Cop weds couple after courthouse closing

MI KALAMAZOO — A Michigan couple will never forget the guy who married them: He was carrying a gun.

Dean Lauer and Carrie Stull were married Friday at the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety after the county courthouse was closed due to extreme weather.

Kalamazoo Officer Joe Paul is certified to perform marriages in Michigan so he married the couple in the chief’s conference room before the start of his afternoon shift.

In a statement, the police department said it’s pleased to solve another crisis.

Man assaults female driver, gets 27 months

SD PIERRE — A South Dakota man accused of assaulting a woman and causing her to drive recklessly has been sentenced.

U.S. District Court Judge Roberto Lange ordered Joe Scott, 36, to serve 27 months in prison and two years of supervised release. The Okreek man earlier pleaded guilty to assault by strangulation and suffocation in connection with the March incident.

Prosecutors say Scott struck and put his hands around the throat of a woman while she was driving from Mission to Okreek. Scott, who was intoxicated, then reached over from the passenger seat, grabbed the steering wheel and directed the vehicle toward incoming vehicles.

The woman managed to retain control of the vehicle, but Scott assaulted her again when they reached their destination, police said.

Bobcat trapped in car grille to return to forest

AZ SCOTTSDALE — An Arizona bobcat that survived getting stuck inside an oncoming car is going back into the wild.

Arizona Game and Fish Department officials said the bobcat was released Friday into Tonto National Forest after being res-

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and possession of a controlled substance. Banda faces a charge of felony theft.

The value of cookies and crackers stolen in an apparent caper in Austin, Texas, on Jan. 3. Theft charges have been filed against Joshua Paul Schoen and Gustavo R. Banda. The two men were stopped for a traffic violation while driving a trailer packed with the treats. Investigators believe the trailer was stolen from a Pepperidge Farm distribution business. Travis County Jail records show Schoen was being held Friday on charges of theft, unauthorized use of a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance. Banda faces a charge of felony theft.



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Getting a grooming

Big-cat trainer Alexander Lacey combs the fur of a lion during a media preview of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus on Friday in Miami. The circus runs through Jan. 20 at American Airlines Arena.

cued recently.

A couple driving in Scottsdale on Jan. 2 hit the animal after it darted into their path.

Upon reaching their destination, the man inspected his Mazda sedan and saw the very much alive bobcat trapped in the plastic grille. Game and Fish employees sedated the 7-pound animal and removed it.

The bobcat spent a week at the Southwest Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Scottsdale, where it was evaluated by a veterinarian.

Driver charged in death of man thrown from car

MI PORTAGE — An Illinois man has been charged in the death of a 54-year-old Michigan man who was thrown from the hood of a moving vehicle.

Devonte Deemer Parker, 20, of Riverdale, Ill., was arraigned Thursday on charges of reckless driving causing death and failing to stop at an accident scene when at fault causing death.

Police said Parker was playing music from his vehicle outside an apartment complex in Portage on Jan. 2 when he was confronted by Kenneth Miller. Police said the men got into an argument, and Parker sped off in his vehicle.

The Kalamazoo Gazette reported that a witness told police that Miller was on the hood of the vehicle as Parker drove off.

Police said Miller died Dec. 6 as a result of his injuries.

Robber caught after drunken-driving crash

NH ROCHESTER — Police in Rochester said a man suspected of stealing money from a gas station was captured about an hour later after he crashed his car while driving drunk.

WMUR-TV reported that police arrested Daniel Wilson, 27, after responding to the accident scene about 3 p.m. Saturday. Police said he crossed the double yellow line and crashed into a parked car. He was charged with driving while

intoxicated and unauthorized use of a propelled vehicle.

Police identified him as the suspect who an hour earlier had stolen money from a safe at a Shell gas station. They said he managed to take the money while the clerk was busy with several customers.

Videos show tot putting handgun in her mouth

IN EVANSVILLE — An Indiana couple faces charges after investigators said they found cellphone videos showing the woman’s 12-month-old daughter putting a handgun in her mouth.

Evansville police discovered the videos after a 19-year-old man was arrested for trying to sell a handgun to an undercover officer.

Police said the man and the girl’s 22-year-old mother can be heard encouraging the toddler to say “pww” and that no one tried to stop her as she put the gun in her mouth.

Police said the mother told of-

ficers the girl was holding a pellet gun; investigators said it was a .40-caliber handgun. They said the gun’s magazine appeared to have been removed, but it’s not clear if ammunition was in the chamber.

Both adults face charges including child neglect and recklessness with a deadly weapon.

2 charged with robbery while child was in car

MO WASHINGTON — An eastern Missouri couple has been charged with attempting to rob a gaming store with their 1-year-old child in the car.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that Oscar Rivera, 20, and Ciera Ruengert, 21, of New Haven, were charged Friday with first-degree robbery, armed criminal action and endangering the welfare of a child.

The robbery happened Thursday afternoon at the Game Depot in the town of Washington.

From wire reports

SHIFTING GEARS



Millennials put brakes on the car culture

By LEON STAFFORD

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

ATLANTA — When Yotam Auz climbs behind the wheel of his 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee, he often thinks he'd rather be on foot.

Like many millennials, the 26-year-old will put pedal to metal for groceries, little trips around town or to go to work during the winter or on bad weather days. Otherwise he prefers to leave the Jeep parked and commute on Atlanta's MARTA transit system or walk to pubs and eateries within walking distance of his home.

"To be honest with you, I would love to get rid of my car altogether," said Auz, who moved from his native Israel to Atlanta four years ago. "But I can't because Atlanta's public transportation is not as broad as other cities and I don't want to be that jerk that bothers everyone for a ride. But I moved to the city to feel like I live in a city."

Recent Studies from AutoTrader.com, the NPD Group, the Atlanta Regional Commission and others have found that the love affair with cars that defined much of America for the past five decades is eluding millennials. That could have major implications for carmakers, city planners and developers.

A job market that is paying less than it did for young workers in the past and record-breaking student debt is making car ownership out of reach for many millennials.

For carmakers, that means creating marketing that is more practical than aspirational. In-

'To be honest with you, I would love to get rid of my car altogether. But I can't because Atlanta's public transportation is not as broad as other cities and I don't want to be that jerk that bothers everyone for a ride. But I moved to the city to feel like I live in a city.'

Yotam Auz

26-year-old Atlanta resident

stead of flaunting how quickly a car can zip from 0 mph to 60 mph or the smoothness of its ride over long distances, car manufacturers must lure millennials — defined as young adults from 18 to 34 — by focusing on mileage and tech amenities such as Bluetooth phone connections or text via voice command, experts said.

Careless millennials also could potentially nudge cities like Atlanta into a more walkable and transit-oriented direction. Millennials' desire to live intown is one factor behind a surge in apartment construction here. It's also played a role in some employers' real estate decisions, such as insurer State Farm's move to build a massive project near a MARTA station. "I suspect that the attitudes that we are seeing now are becoming the new normal," said David Portalatin, an auto analyst for NPD Group.

There are caveats. Researchers have found that millennials' car-buying habits start to resemble Baby Boomers and Generation Xers if they have children or as they become more economically stable. Just how much millennials have abandoned the love of cars

also depends on the region and access to public transportation.

Still the experts said their surveys of millennials found that they tend to buy their first car at a later age than in previous generations and increasingly prefer to work in areas that offer robust public transportation.

And in a major break with tradition, anywhere from 31 percent to 36 percent of younger millennials have shown no interest in getting their driver's licenses when they turn 16, the legal age to drive in the U.S. without adult supervision, according to NPD Group, a New York-based consumer research firm and Atlanta-based AutoTrader.

That could create a challenge for the car industry in the future. While vehicle sales have soared in the past few years because of an improving economy, Americans also are keeping cars longer — on average about 11 years — because vehicles are better made.

Millennials, the biggest generation since Baby Boomers, will be expected to pick up the slack when the current buying spree ends. The problem is that large numbers are attracted to older

vehicles because of their lower cost and good quality, opening up the potential to hurt future new car sales.

"The American consumer has fundamentally changed the way we value older vehicles," Portalatin said.

Theories about millennials' lack of enthusiasm for cars abound. The top theory is economic: A lot of millennials just can't afford cars, researchers said.

They carry more student debt from college than past generations and entered the workforce

at a time when employee salaries are depressed. That has made qualifying for a car loan and negotiating a payment plan they can handle more difficult.

"These guys aren't getting on their feet as fast as earlier generations," said Mark Strand, manager of industry intelligence for Cox Automotive.

Millennials also are living at home longer and car-share to meet their needs. Some have jobs that allow them to telecommute and use ride-sharing services such as Uber, Lyft or Zipcar when they have to meet face-to-face with someone or for other needs such as grocery shopping.

The need to get in a car and spend time with family or friends has been replaced for some by texting, social media and a phone that's on 24/7. Millennials grew up talking endlessly to each other on phone or laptop screens, a cultural change that made cars less important.

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GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

Globes, actors grow up

Wins boost 'Boyhood,' 'Budapest' amid talk of real-world events

By LINDSEY BAHRA
The Associated Press

The Golden Globes gave awards not just to A-list celebrities, but to the edgier productions that unequivocally deserved recognition, including "Boyhood," "The Grand Budapest Hotel" and "Birdman."

Adding to the spirit of subversion was the recurring theme of free speech, which dominated the remarks of everyone from George Clooney to Jared Leto. Even hosts Tina Fey and Amy Poehler tackled a myriad of timely, and taboo, topics, including the Sony Hack, North Korea and Bill Cosby.

Perhaps won't be a permanent trend for the Globes, but on Sunday the most readily mocked show of awards season transcended its party reputation to become something more, even if everything got started with the "Entourage" cast using the red carpet to film a scene for their upcoming movie.

As for what it all means for the Academy Awards, whose nominations come on Thursday, many fields seem more open than ever.

Richard Linklater's "Boyhood" dominated the Globes, winning the night's top honor, best drama, as well as best director for Linklater and best supporting actress for Patricia Arquette.

The 12-years-in-the-making indie effectively captivated audiences, critics and the industry to become a major awards contender.

"Bottom line is we're all flawed in this world. No one's perfect," said Linklater. "I want to dedicate this to parents that are evolving everywhere and families that are just passing through this world and doing their best."

Tied with two wins each were the dark



NBC/AP

Michael Keaton accepts the award for best actor in a musical or comedy for his role in "Birdman" at the 72nd Annual Golden Globe Awards on Sunday in Beverly Hills, Calif. Keaton's wide-ranging speech included an emotional, choked-up tribute to his "best friend," his son, Sean. "Two things I said I wasn't gonna do, cry and give air quotes," Keaton said.

showbiz film "Birdman" by Mexican director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu and the Stephen Hawking biopic "The Theory of Everything." Eddie Redmayne emerged victorious in one of the evening's most hotly contested categories, best actor in a drama.

For his portrayal of famed theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking, Redmayne beat out fellow British actors Benedict Cumberbatch ("The Imitation Game") and David Oyelowo ("Selma"), as well as Steve Carell ("Foxcatcher") and Jake Gyllenhaal ("Nightcrawler").

While Michael Keaton took the best actor prize for "Birdman," the film flailed in the best comedy or musical category, losing to Wes Anderson's "The Grand Budapest Hotel."

Awards favorite Julianne Moore won best actress in a drama for her startling performance as an academic with early-onset Alzheimer's in "Still Alice," and Amy Adams

surprised in taking best actress in a comedy or musical for portraying Margaret Keane in "Big Eyes."

The tenor of the evening consistently pointed to current events.

In an opening blistering with zingers, hosts Fey and Poehler welcomed Hollywood's "despicable, spoiled, minimally talented brats" to the Globes to celebrate "all the movies that North Korea was OK with." On several occasions during the show, the duo visited with a North Korea government character, played by Margaret Cho, who expressed her displeasure with all aspects of the show.

Clooney, honored with a Cecil B. DeMille award, wore a "Je Suis Charlie" button and addressed the terrorist attack in Paris and the Sony Hack. "This is a really important moment," Clooney said backstage. "We have to stand up together or we end up falling apart."



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Tina Fey, Margaret Cho and Amy Poehler lampoon North Korea during Sunday's awards show.

Hosts Poehler, Fey take on North Korea

North Korea wasn't spared a lampooning from Golden Globes co-hosts Amy Poehler and Tina Fey in their riotous opening dialogue. Neither was the movie that aroused North Korea's wrath.

Poehler said the country's demand that "The Interview" not be shown ended up "forcing us to pretend we wanted to see it."

Fey added that North Korea's reaction to "The Interview" (the country said it considered it an act of war) was "not the worst review the film got," either.

— The Associated Press



'If I took the time to say thank you to everyone that I would honestly like to thank, Richard Linklater would have to make the movie and it would be 12 years long.'

J.K. Simmons

In his acceptance speech for winning Golden Globe for best actor in a supporting role for "Whiplash"



'If you're in this room, you've grabbed the brass ring.'

George Clooney

Cecil B. DeMille Award recipient for outstanding contributions to the world of entertainment

TV voters got it right

By HANK STUEVER
The Washington Post

Most of Sunday's Golden Globe Awards in the TV category were a pleasant surprise, as if some rogue TV critic had hacked into the system and selected the nominees who deserved it rather than the usual suspects expected to win it.

Maybe the world is finally sorting itself out: FX's "Fargo" miniseries was better than HBO's "True Detective." And Billy Bob Thornton's work in "Fargo" (best actor in a miniseries) was more interesting than either Matthew McConaughey's or Woody Harrelson's performance in "True Detective."

And yes, Showtime's "The Affair" is worth all that elliptical storytelling in its first few episodes. Amazon's "Transparent" does brilliantly signal that our culture — and our fictional stories about our true selves — are at least ready to move in almost any direction, thanks to great performances, such as Jeffrey Tambor's in "Transparent." He

won best actor in a TV comedy and dedicated it to the transgender community.

More truths: The Maggie Gyllenhaal miniseries "The Honorable Woman" (for which she got the best actress award) deserves to get more viewers.

And CW's "Jane the Virgin" also deserves more viewers than it has, thanks in no small part to Gina Rodriguez, who won best actress in a TV comedy series — beating out boutique premium cable and streaming service stars Lena Dunham, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Eddie Falco and Taylor Schilling.

Good for Joanne Froggatt ("Downton Abbey," best supporting actress in a TV drama). Good for Matt Boner (best supporting actor in HBO's movie "The Normal Heart"). There were so many surprise awards in the TV categories ("The Affair's" Ruth Wilson for best actress in a drama?) that the recipients and the viewers probably wouldn't be surprised if someone announces this week that there's going to be a recount.

Golden Globe Awards winners

MOTION PICTURES
Picture, Drama: "Boyhood."
Picture, Musical or Comedy: "The Grand Budapest Hotel."
Actor, Drama: Eddie Redmayne, "The Theory of Everything."
Actress, Drama: Julianne Moore, "Still Alice."
Director: Richard Linklater, "Boyhood."
Actor, Musical or Comedy: Michael Keaton, "Birdman."
Supporting Actor, J.K. Simmons, "Whiplash."
Supporting Actress: Patricia Arquette, "Boyhood."
Foreign Language: "Leviathan."
Animated Film: "How to Train Your Dragon 2."
Screenplay: Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, Nicolas Giacobbe, Alexander Dinelaris, Armando Bo, "Birdman."
Original Score: Johann Johannsson, "The Theory of Everything."
Original Song: "Glory" (music) by John Legend, (lyrics) by Sia, "Selma."



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TELEVISION
Series, Drama: "The Affair."
Actor, Drama: Kevin Spacey, "House of Cards."
Actress, Drama: Ruth Wilson, "The Affair."
Series, Musical or Comedy: "Transparent."
Actress, Musical or Comedy: Gina Rodriguez, "Jane the Virgin."
Actor, Musical or Comedy: Jeffrey Tambor, "Transparent."
Miniseries or Movie: "Fargo."
Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Maggie Gyllenhaal, "The Honorable Woman."
Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Billy Bob Thornton, "Fargo."
Supporting Actress, Series, Miniseries or Movie: Joanne Froggatt, "Downton Abbey."
Supporting Actor, Series, Miniseries or Movie: Matt Boner, "The Normal Heart."
Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award: George Clooney (previously announced).

For more photos and recap of the Golden Globes, see stripes.com/globes2014

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Television roundup

Will Walter White appear in 'Breaking Bad' spinoff?

The Associated Press

Walter White and Jesse Pinkman won't be making any appearances on the first season of "Better Call Saul," the prequel to "Breaking Bad" that will begin airing on AMC next month.

That doesn't mean those two lead characters, played by Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul, won't make it sometime in the future, said Peter Gould, an executive producer, Jan. 10. "Better Call Saul" is set six years prior to the time of the award-winning "Breaking Bad."

Gould said he and his partner, Vince Gilligan, want to let "Better Call Saul" stand on its own. If Cranston and Paul, or any touchstones of "Breaking Bad," appear in the new series, it better feel natural to the story, Gilligan said.

"If it feels like a stunt, then those of us in the writer's room will have done something wrong," Gilligan said.

The series debuts Feb. 8, with its second episode being televised the next day. Given the commercial and critical success of its predecessor, it's among the most anticipated new programs of the year. Bob Odenkirk, a supporting player in "Breaking Bad," steps up as the lead character, Saul Goodman, in the show focusing on his law practice.

"Every time I come into the office in this show, (I ask) has Walter White called yet?" Odenkirk joked. "Jesse would be in middle school."

Besides Odenkirk, Jonathan Banks returns from "Breaking Bad" to play fixer Mike Ehrmantraut. Veteran actor Michael McKean will play Goodman's brother, with Rhea Seehorn, Patrick Fabian and Michael Mando as other new cast members.

'Mad Men' begins stretch run in April

The television series "Mad Men" begins airing its final seven episodes in April and the show's notoriously secretive creator, Matthew Weiner, said he told only star Jon Hamm in advance how it will end.

So Weiner certainly wasn't spilling any secrets to a roomful of television critics Jan. 10 as he and the cast, by turns wistful and appreciative, talked about their experiences over the past decade. The series begins its stretch run on AMC on April 5.

"I feel very satisfied with a lot of what we did, and I am super proud of the fact that we did not repeat ourselves, which is the tallest order of all of them," Weiner said.

The creator and executive producer immersed himself in 1960s culture to write "Mad Men," set at an advertising agency during that era. He said he was struck by how many Americans turned inward after the tumultuous events of 1968, including the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, and said that is reflected in the ending of his series.

CW bringing back scripted series

Young fans of the CW won't have any suspense about their favorite programs. The network said Sunday that all eight of the scripted series that were

part of its fall lineup will return again next season.

The order includes the freshman series "Jane the Virgin," a critical favorite that is still seeking a larger audience. Other returning shows include "Supernatural," "Arrow," "Reign," "The 100," "The Flash," "The Originals" and "The Vampire Diaries."

The CW has achieved modest success with a lineup heavy on zombies and vampires. CW President Mark Pedowitz said the network is slowly broadening its audience by attracting more men. Roughly 60 percent of the CW's audience is women.

The early order of new seasons for its series gives producers more time to develop stories and plot twists moving forward, Pedowitz said.

Triumph gets his own series

Triumph the Insult Comic Dog is getting his own sitcom, and he'll have former "30 Rock" actor Jack McBrayer to "poop on" a regular basis.

Adult Swim, the late-night, adult-oriented arm of the Cartoon Network, said Saturday it will air "The Jack and Triumph Show" starting Feb. 20. McBrayer plays a grown-up child star of a "Lassie"-type show with Triumph, the puppet created by former Conan O'Brien writer Robert Smigel, as his washed-up canine companion.

Smigel hides behind chairs and other furniture on the sitcom set to "play" Triumph, the Don Rickles-type puppet that first emerged on O'Brien's late-night NBC show in 1997.

McBrayer, who played the cheerful, innocent intern on "30 Rock," once appeared on an O'Brien segment being insulted by Triumph and it turned out to be one of the puppet's most successful segments, Smigel said.

Other TV news

■ AMC will be married to the mob this spring. The network announced Jan. 10 that it was making an eight-hour miniseries, "Making of the Mob: New York," on the roots of the five crime families that made up the American Mafia. Each one-hour episode will be paired with a mob-related film, like "The Godfather," "Goodfellas," "Donnie Brasco" and "Scarface."

■ The History channel is moving closer to a remake of the groundbreaking TV miniseries "Roots." The channel said Allen Hughes, whose credits include "Menace II Society" and "The Book of Eli," has been hired to direct the project. Hughes also will serve as an executive producer with Mark Wolper and Marc Toberoff. Wolper's father, David, produced the original 1977 miniseries that was based on Alex Haley's historical novel. It was an Emmy-winner and TV sensation.

■ History also said that it plans to premiere its miniseries "Texas Rising" in theaters before it begins on television over the Memorial Day weekend. Details are still being worked out, but the idea is to show the first episode of the series in about 900 theaters the week before the television premiere, said the network's general manager, Dirg Hoogstra.

'Taken 3' topples 'Hobbit'

The Associated Press

After three weeks atop the box office, "The Hobbit" has been taken down by Liam Neeson.

"Taken 3" nabbed the top spot at the weekend box office in North America with \$40.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The third installment of the 20th Century Fox thriller series stars Neeson as a vengeance-seeking retired CIA operative with "a very particular set of skills."

"Taken," which also featured Maggie Grace and Famke Janssen, debuted in 2009 with \$24.7 million; "Taken 2" launched in 2012 with \$49.5 million. "Taken 3" also earned \$41 million in 36 international territories this weekend.

"The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies" slid to fourth

with \$9.4 million following three straight weeks in first place. The total domestic take for filmmaker Peter Jackson's Middle-earth finale stands at \$236.5 million. "The Hobbit" earned \$21.8 million internationally, pushing the worldwide total to \$545.3 million.

"Into the Woods" finished third with \$9.7 million its third week of release, bringing the total haul of Disney's Broadway musical adaptation to \$105.3 million.

Paramount's civil rights drama "Selma" moved from 22 to 2,179 theaters, arriving in second place behind "Taken 3" with \$11.2 million. The film chronicles the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., and stars David Oyelowo as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.



Liam Neeson in "Taken 3." 20th Century Fox/AP

5 injured near club where Chris Brown was performing

The Associated Press

Police say a shooting injured five people near a club where Grammy Award-winner Chris Brown was performing in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Police said Brown escaped injury in the early Sunday morning shooting. The San Jose Mercury News says the shooting happened near San Jose's Fiesta nightclub,

where Brown was performing for a private party. Cellphone video posted online by fans appears to show Brown wincing as shots rang out nearby, then being ushered away by others.

Police said all five people injured in the shooting are expected to survive, and that they have detained several people. No information was immediately

available Sunday on the motive in the shootings.

Producer, indie film champion dies

Samuel Goldwyn Jr., a champion of the independent film movement and son to one of the founding fathers of Hollywood cinema, has died. He was 88.

Goldwyn died Friday night at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, family friend A. Scott Berg, the author of a biography on Goldwyn's father.

Goldwyn produced low-budget hits like "Mystic Pizza" starring Julia Roberts and "Cotton Comes to Harlem" in the 1970s and '80s. His company was one of the largest indie film operations. As a

producer, he was nominated for a best picture Academy Award in 2004 for "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World." His final production credit was for "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" in 2013.

Goldwyn's father was a founder of Paramount and his production company became part of one Hollywood's largest studios, MGM.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Growing number of charities taxes IRS

By Josh Hicks
The Washington Post

The IRS is losing ground in its oversight of charities as it struggles with budget and workforce declines, according to a Government Accountability Office report.

The IRS audited 0.7 percent of charities in 2013, down from 0.81 percent in 2011, the GAO said. By comparison, the agency audited individuals and corporations at rates of 1 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively, in 2013.

Meanwhile, the IRS's budget decreased by \$900 billion after 2010, and its workforce lost 10,000 full-time employees over the same period, according to the review released in December.

The staff reductions include 47 positions within the IRS's exempt-organizations division, which examines charities, nonprofit advocacy groups and other entities that qualify for tax-free status.



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Budget and workforce declines have affected the ability of the IRS to oversee tax-exempt charities.

"The number of employees performing exams has declined while the number of returns filed has increased," the GAO said.

In a separate report last year, the GAO said that budget cuts and

staffing declines have harmed the IRS' performance, specifically with enforcement functions and customer service. Congressional Republicans, a majority in both chambers, have shown little desire to boost the IRS' resources. A comprehensive spending bill lawmakers passed in December trimmed \$346 million from the agency's budget.

In addition, the IRS has shown little appetite for challenging tax-exempt groups after a controversy in which the agency was found to have targeted nonprofit advocacy groups based on their names and policy positions.

The agency in recent months has taken almost no action against a new group of pastors who preach politics from the pulpit and sometimes endorse or oppose candidates — a violation of federal law for tax-exempt religious organizations.

But charities alone, the number of tax-exemption filings have increased by about 5 percent since 2011, for a total of about

763,000 in 2013. Such groups cost the government about \$100 billion a year in foregone revenue, according to the Congressional Research Service.

The GAO's report said that the IRS' exempt-organizations division doesn't have a handle on how well its oversight efforts are working because it has not developed a system for measuring the outcomes.

"Because EO (the division) does not measure the current level of compliance, it cannot set goals for increasing compliance or know to what extent its actions are affecting compliance," the report said.

The IRS said in a response letter that its exempt organizations division would "refine its compliance strategy and approach" to determine how enforcement actions are affecting compliance from charitable groups.

The agency also said it had launched new initiatives to "assess and promote compliance by these organizations."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 13)	\$1.2117
Dollar buys (Jan. 13)	69.8253
British pound (Jan. 13)	\$1.55
Japanese yen (Jan. 13)	117.00
South Korean won (Jan. 13)	1,058.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5168
Canada (dollar)	1.1910
China (Yuan)	6.2017
Denmark (Krone)	6.2833
Egypt (Pound)	7.1453
Euro	\$1.1839/0.8446
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7550
Hungary (Forint)	269.28
Israel (Shekel)	3.9505
Japan (Yen)	118.33
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2939
Norway (Krone)	7.7348
Philippines (Peso)	44.88
Poland (Zloty)	3.61
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7544
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3354
South Korea (Won)	1,084.57
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0143
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.87
Turkey (Lira)	2.2698

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., currencies of the United States and other countries), which are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the euro, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	3.25
Federal funds market rate	0.12
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	2.53

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Tuesday's US temperatures											
City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	37	25	Cldy	Chatanooga	42	37	Cldy	Fort Wayne	12	2	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	37	25	Cldy	Cheyenne	30	14	Cldy	Fresno	60	42	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	15	5	PCldy	Chicago	19	8	PCldy	Goodland	26	10	Snow
Albuquerque	31	17	Cir	Cincinnati	23	15	PCldy	Grand Junction	37	27	Snow
Albuquerque	44	32	Rain	Cleveland	16	7	Cldy	Grand Rapids	11	-3	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	28	24	Cir	Colorado Springs	28	16	Cldy	Great Falls	34	15	PCldy
Amarillo	31	17	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	45	43	Rain	Green Bay	15	-6	Cir
Anchorage	38	32	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	55	49	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	38	36	Cldy
Asheville	40	38	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	20	14	PCldy	Hartford	27	22	PCldy
Atlanta	51	42	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	18	10	Cir	Hartford Spgfd	25	16	Cir
Atlantic City	34	32	PCldy	Corpus Christi	48	43	Cldy	Helena	31	17	Cldy
Austin	36	30	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	38	30	Cldy	Honolulu	65	60	Cldy
Baltimore	29	27	Cldy	Dayton	16	10	PCldy	Houston	50	44	Cldy
Baton Rouge	53	46	Cldy	Daytona Beach	76	61	Cldy	Huntsville	43	34	Cldy
Bilings	30	11	PCldy	Denver	18	14	Cldy	Indianapolis	17	11	Cir
Birmingham	47	39	Cldy	Des Moines	14	-9	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	45	39	Cir
Bismarck	18	-6	PCldy	Detroit	14	5	PCldy	Jacksonville	70	56	Cldy
Boise	34	26	Cir	Duluth	10	-11	Cir	Juneau	40	38	Rain
Boston	23	16	PCldy	El Paso	52	35	Cldy	Kansas City	21	2	PCldy
Brighton	35	23	PCldy	Elkins	32	23	Cldy	Key West	78	71	Cldy
Brownsville	49	48	Cldy	Erie	16	8	PCldy	Knoxville	39	35	Cldy
Buffalo	12	5	Cldy	Eugene	49	39	Cldy	Lake Charles	51	44	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	6	0	Cir	Evansville	39	20	PCldy	Lansing	13	-3	Cir
Caribou, Maine	2	-9	Cir	Fairbanks	12	3	Cldy	Las Vegas	60	43	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	31	16	Cldy	Fargo	14	8	Cir	Lexington	28	22	Cldy
Charleston, S.C.	56	50	Cldy	Flagstaff	41	26	Cldy	Lincoln	19	-4	Cldy
Charleston, W.Va.	32	27	Cldy	Flint	14	-1	PCldy	Little Rock	36	28	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	42	41	Cldy	Fort Smith	38	27	Cldy	Los Angeles	71	51	Cir

National temperature extremes											
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OPINION

College works when grads find jobs

BY TONY ZEISS

Higher education in America is at a crossroads of two compelling, but competing, forces—the traditional approach versus a new reality. Traditional four-year institutions are motivated to keep the “college experience” as the defining element for students, while students today are seeking colleges that are affordable and provide the knowledge and technical skills leading to a rewarding career.

Public higher education institutions, including community colleges, struggle to remain relevant and affordable in a rapidly changing economy as funding continues to decrease.

While employers are challenged to find knowledgeable and skilled workers, the rising cost of higher education is making college even less accessible to many Americans.

National leaders struggle to support a swelling sea of under-prepared people who can't afford college or the debt that it often requires. An expanded federal student loan program was designed to help but, after receiving more than \$1 trillion in such loans, tens of thousands of students don't finish college, or if they do finish, cannot find a sustainable job and are saddled with considerable debt.

According to the Department of Education, in a few months, approximately 3.5 million students will be choosing a learning-to-career path that will define their future earning power and quality of life. They should ask themselves some basic but critical questions.

Are you choosing the right college? Families and students have multiple options for career preparation, including apprenticeships, technical and community

colleges, four-year colleges, or universities. There are many online services that may be helpful when choosing a college. Public libraries, high schools and many colleges also have free services that help match students' interests and aptitudes to appropriate colleges.

Students who are unsure of their career choice should visit the career center at their high school or local community college or sign up for a career exploration course. The sooner they select a major field of study, the more likely they will be to finish a credential or degree related to that occupation.

Is the college affordable? The cost of higher education, especially at the four-year level, has risen even faster than that of health care. Community college tuition is also increasing, but these accessible career-focused colleges are still quite affordable.

The average annual price for four-year undergraduate tuition and fees for 2013-14 was \$8,893 for public institutions and about \$30,094 for private nonprofit institutions. But room and board and other living expenses can add thousands. For the same time period, the average tuition and fees for community colleges was just under \$3,500.

The goal for families and students is to make informed choices regarding the value and cost of colleges. Almost half of all undergraduates are attending community colleges their first two years and then going directly to work or transferring to four-year colleges.

Another baccalaureate option is emerging. Twenty-three states now allow community colleges to offer Applied Baccalaureate Degrees in selected, high-demand fields. This option is popular since both students and taxpayers save money and receive high value in return.

Perhaps the best value is realized by students who choose to participate in an apprenticeship experience. These pragmatic programs include both industry-based training and community college degrees. Industries pay college costs plus a salary as apprentices work through their programs. The U.S. Department of Labor recently announced the availability of \$100 million in grants to expand registered apprenticeship programs.

Finally, families and students should apply for federal Pell Grants and available scholarships before considering loans. Currently, four-year graduates average about \$30,000 in debt and many students are more than \$100,000 in debt by the time they graduate. Prudent students will look at the return on investment before leaping into unnecessary debt.

Will your education lead to a career?

One good source for answers is the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Both its Occupation Outlook Handbook and O-NET resources are available online. Reviewing the job-placement data by occupational fields offered by colleges you are considering is even more useful.

Students should understand that not all potential career fields offer equal opportunity. Currently in-demand fields include science, information technology, advanced manufacturing, engineering and health care.

Employment experts stress that the majority of future new jobs will require some college and/or advanced training. It is our shared responsibility as parents, educators and employers to help students choose wisely. Completing college with a job and no debt should be the primary goal.

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Requiring more of police – and of ourselves

By JOHN M. CRISP

Tribune News Service

Maybe right now isn't the best time to bring this up.

After Ferguson, after the nonindictment for the death of Eric Garner, after the assassination of two New York City policemen and the wounding of at least two more, and during the current standoff between New York policemen and the city's mayor, Bill de Blasio, maybe it's not the best time to support the idea of requiring all policemen, as a standard part of their uniforms, to wear video cameras that will record their actions.

Tensions between the police and the public are inflamed in places besides New York, and they manifest themselves in issues such as racially based stop-and-frisk policies and the excessive militarization of police forces.

At worst, these tensions lead to shootings. Sometimes policemen are killed, sometimes members of the public die.

In general, my sympathies are with the police. We ask them to do some of our society's most disagreeable and difficult work, and we don't reward them particularly well with money or respect. Sometimes we treat them with contempt, but we're quick to call on them when we need help.

Other jobs may be more dangerous, but few require such constant and intimate contact with the most depraved facets of our culture, American citizens at their worst. It has to wear on policemen, over time.

Furthermore, virtually all of my personal contact with policemen — fortunately, it's limited — has been characterized by their courtesy and professionalism.

Of course, I'm a middle-class white guy who never speeds and is always at home long before the bars close.

On the other hand, my students, especially Hispanic and black guys, tell a different story. They insist that the police regularly single them out for attention and treat them with rudeness.

The truth must lie somewhere between their experiences and mine. Wearable video cameras on every policeman might help determine where, precisely, it lies and may help neutralize some of the tension between the police and ordinary citizens.

Some evidence indicates that cameras work. In April 2013, The New York Times reported on an experiment in the Rialto, Calif., police department. Half of the 54 uniformed officers were randomly assigned to wear cameras each week. During the first 12 months of the experiment, complaints against officers dropped by 88 percent. The use of force by officers declined by 60 percent.

The findings in this study are based on small numbers, but they make sense. People behave differently in the presence of a camera.

But what about privacy? Citizens of a certain age remember George Orwell's “Nineteen Eighty-Four,” the depiction of a dystopia where every action is under constant observation by Big Brother.

But the Big Brother ship has already

sailed. Given the extent to which our lives are already documented and exposed by video, often entirely voluntarily, it seems strange to draw the line at cameras that could have a very positive effect on relations between the police and the public.

Still, requiring policemen to wear video cameras tends to make them look like the bad guys, implying that we have to keep an electronic watch on them. What can we give them in return?

Maybe we could stop complaining when cities use cameras to control red light running at intersections, relieving policemen to devote their time and energy more valuably elsewhere.

For that matter, when it comes to traffic, we are a nation of lawbreakers, and some of our lawlessness could be controlled electronically. Here's an example: regularly drive a toll road that has the nation's highest speed limit, 85 mph. Still, some drivers speed.

Every few miles I pass an electronic station that automatically deducts a toll from my account. It could just as easily deduct an extra toll — a fine, really — for passing between toll stations at a rate that exceeds 85 mph. Of course, I can hear the objections already.

But if we expect policemen to allow us to monitor their behavior with video cameras, shouldn't we be willing to use technology to monitor our own?

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OPINION

McConnell pledging harmony sounds good

BY DOYLE MCMANUS
Los Angeles Times

The triumphant Republican class of 2014 formally took control of both halves of Congress last week, and here's what it has changed so far: not much.

The new GOP majority didn't vote to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law. It didn't undo Obama's decision to allow millions of undocumented immigrants to stay in the country. (House Republicans proposed a sweeping repeal measure, but it's unlikely to pass even a GOP-run Senate.) It didn't try to block the president's negotiations with Cuba or hold up his nominees for attorney general and secretary of defense.

Instead, as its first major action, the 114th Congress moved toward approving the Keystone XL pipeline, a project that won't create many jobs and, with the price of oil plummeting, may no longer be worth building. And even that measure appears likely to die, because the president has already announced he will veto the bill.

What happened to the boundless hopes of all those conservative candidates, tea party and otherwise, who vowed they'd come to Washington and, in the words of former lag castrator Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, "make me squeal?"

So far, the GOP is playing what baseball fans call "small ball" — and not just because new members haven't had time to settle into their offices yet.

Instead, the 54-46 majority in the Senate has run into three speed bumps: the chamber's rules, the president's veto power and the innate caution of the new majority leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

The Senate rules still require 60 votes to move major legislation past a filibuster; that means Republicans need to find six Democrats or independents to help them act. The Constitution requires a two-thirds vote to overcome a presidential veto, that requires even more Democratic help.



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., smiles following his ceremonial re-enactment swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 6 in the Old Senate Chamber.

As for McConnell, 72, he's spent more than 30 years preparing for this job — and while his mission as minority leader was to frustrate Democrats (and, as he bluntly declared, try to make Obama a one-term president), he now sees himself in a very different role.

"When you're in the majority, you have more responsibility," he has said. "We have to be realistic."

"I don't want the American people to think that if they add a Republican president to a Republican Congress, that's going to be a scary outcome," he told The Washington Post this month.

That kind of reassurance — that the GOP isn't really run by the tea party firebrands you see on Fox News — was the main point of McConnell's inaugural speech on the floor of the Senate last week.

Yes, it took a swipe at Obama. "Biparti-

san compromise may not come easily for the president," he said. "The president's supporters are pressing for militancy these days, not compromise."

And yes, it included a silly suggestion that the economy's recovery should be credited to private-sector elation at the mere thought of a Republican-run Senate.

So to many Democratic ears, it sounded disappointingly like the partisan, polarizing Mitch McConnell of old. But the core of the speech was a decidedly modest assessment of what voters were saying last November, followed by a lengthy appeal for bipartisan cooperation.

"The American people didn't ask for a government that tries to do everything, and fails; and they didn't demand a government that aims to do nothing, and succeeds," McConnell said. "They asked for a government that works."

"We're going to have to work together," he said. "We're only going to pass meaningful legislation if members from both parties are given a stake in the outcome."

That, his lieutenants explained, is what McConnell sounds like when he's trying to be warm and fuzzy.

"We are trying to strike a new tone," said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio. "There's a healthy list of issues on which people from both sides can work together."

As evidence, Portman and Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., pointed to McConnell's decision to allow open amendments and debate on the Keystone XL bill next week — something the last majority leader, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., rarely did.

McConnell allies have listed a decidedly nonrevolutionary agenda of possible bipartisan legislation: corporate tax reform, infrastructure spending, trade agreements and tweaks to Obama's health care law (not a repeal, which a veto puts out of reach).

They face serious challenges not only in winning support from Democrats, but also from their own right wing. But McConnell, who was once described as having all the charisma of an oyster, may be just the man to threaten that legislative needle.

As Alec MacGillis pointed out in a fiercely critical biography (titled, tellingly, "The Cynic"), McConnell isn't a conservative ideologue; he's a cold-blooded pragmatist. He began his political career as a liberal Republican who opposed the Vietnam War, sought support from organized labor and even cooperated with abortion-rights groups. But as the GOP turned right, McConnell turned with it.

Now he says he wants to prove that despite the rancor and polarization of the last two decades — a process to which McConnell contributed — he can make divided government work again.

OK, Senator, go for it. If you're serious, that would be a real legacy.

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After Paris, world must confront Salafi teachings

BY TRUDY RUBIN
The Philadelphia Inquirer

On Friday, the day French police killed the terrorists who attacked Charlie Hebdo, the liberal Saudi blogger Raif Badawi was publicly flogged in Jeddah for insulting Islam.

The two cases are bookends.

The terrorists, who apparently had links to al-Qaida and the Islamic State, murdered 10 journalists in the name of Islam because the journalists "insulted" the Prophet Muhammad. Badawi, a brave human-rights activist, was sentenced to 15 years by a Saudi court — and 50 lashes once a week for 20 weeks — because he criticized the way Saudi clerics interpret Islam.

The Saudis export their harsh Wahhabi version of Sunni Islam, which disdains or denounces other religions or variants of Islam. The terrorists just take that ideology one step forward, killing for the faith.

As the debate begins about lessons to be learned from the attacks in France, I'd urge people to focus on the blogger Badawi along with the French victims. He fell off of the extreme Saudi religious ideology that, like virulent cancer cells, has spread through many parts of the Muslim world.

Badawi's website was called "Free Saudi Liberals," and his goal was to create a public forum to discuss how to modernize Saudi Islam. After his arrest in 2012, he appealed an initial seven-year sentence

and 600 lashes, but the judge made the punishment harsher. Then his lawyer was sentenced by an anti-terrorism court to 15 years in jail.

The irony is that the Saudis denounce al-Qaida and are frightened by the Islamic State, which has threatened their regime and pledged to take over the holiest Muslim cities, Mecca and Medina. Belatedly, the Saudi rulers cracked down on government foundations that fund Islamist terrorist groups, and they have donated \$100 million to the United Nations to fund a counterterrorism agency.

But the Saudis' rivalry with Iran has led them to fund almost any Sunni Islamist group in Syria willing to fight the Tehran-backed regime of Bashar Assad.

Moreover, the Saudis refuse to recognize that their extreme, literalist version of Islam underlies the terrorists' thinking.

Most Muslims do not embrace Wahhabism, a variant of the Salafi doctrine whose adherents seek to live like the earliest Muslims. So, for decades, the Saudi kingdom has spent hundreds of millions of dollars proselytizing across the Muslim world. It has funded religious schools and textbooks from Central Asia through the Arab world to Pakistan and beyond, sending out imams who spread its intolerant thinking. Tens of thousands of Egyptians and Syrians, who came to work in Saudi Arabia, also absorbed Salafist ideas.

Private Saudis still fund satellite TV channels that are watched throughout the Arab world, where Salafi sheikhs denounce all infidels and spew out hatred toward the West.

Meantime, at home, the Saudi government has made only the feeblest attempts to cleanse textbooks of diatribes against other religious groups, or to broaden the religion-heavy curriculum. And, as the Badawi case shows, the regime is unwilling to permit any open discussion of religion at home.

All this money and rigid religious propaganda have had a powerful impact. At a time when the Arab world is in disarray and government corruption is rampant, when the Arab Spring revolutions have failed, many youths are looking for new answers. So are alienated young Muslims in France and elsewhere in Europe.

These youths need only look to the Internet or take a trip to Syria or Yemen, where they can find to put the supremacist precepts of Salafi ideology into practice, seeking to overthrow Arab governments or attack the West. In 2003, according to the State Department, the six terrorist groups causing the most casualties globally all operated in Muslim countries. Indeed, most of the victims of Islamist terrorism are Muslims.

The Islamic world is in a poor position to fight back. The Sunni world has no pope or

grand ayatollah with the clout and legitimacy to counter Salafi religious propaganda.

"There are some moderate people with in the Sunni tradition calling for reform," said Zainab al-Suwaij, executive director of the American Islamic Congress, whose grandfather was a leading Iraqi cleric, "but they are small groups and they don't have the power."

Badawi tried to promote reform, and it brought him the lash.

Many Arab leaders denounced the Charlie Hebdo murders, but their legitimacy is shaky. Egypt's president, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, called for a "revolution" in Islam to reform outdated interpretations of the faith, but he will have trouble implementing it. And to reinterpret the faith, he must rely on the 1,000-year-old Al-Azhar University, a government religious institution that no longer has the broad clout it once had as a center of Islamic teaching.

Washington and its European allies can no longer wait around for Saudi Arabia (or other Arab states or Pakistan) to root out the Salafist ideology that inspires terrorists. It is past time to pressure countries that are supposedly our allies to stop dispensing this ideological poison. The flogging of Raif Badawi, as much as the Paris murders, signals a threat that endangers us all.

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INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stars as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stars reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at stripes.com or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

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NHL/COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NHL roundup

Ducks top Jets in SO for Teemu

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Sami Vatanen has been waiting months for his first chance in an NHL shootout. After a gritty rally in regulation and five tense rounds, the Finnish defenseman finally got a chance to end a victory for the Anaheim Ducks.

To do it for Teemu just made it sweeter.

Vatanen scored in the sixth round of the shootout, and the Ducks rallied from a two-goal deficit in the third period for a 5-4 victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Sunday night.

On his first career shootout attempt, Vatanen won for his fellow Finn. A few hours earlier, both teams watched an emotional pregame ceremony honoring Teemu Selanne, whose No. 8 jersey was retired by the Ducks.

"I have to say I was honored I had the chance," said the 23-year-old Vatanen, who grew up idolizing Selanne. "Maybe I can say to my grandsons someday I made the game-winning goal on Teemu's night."

Selanne started his NHL career in Winnipeg before spending parts of 15 seasons in Anaheim, retiring last summer at 43 years old as the franchise scoring leader.

With Selanne watching from a luxury box, Rickard Rakell scored the tying goal with 2:03 left for the Ducks, capping the first multi-goal game of his NHL career with two goals and two assists.

"We all felt it was a special night," said Rakell, who spent plenty of time last season around Selanne, a fellow rink rat who showed up early and stayed late. "It was almost like a playoff spirit out there with the fans going and retiring Teemu's jersey. We really wanted to win this game."

Rakell and Ryan Kesler scored shootout goals to keep the game alive after Blake Wheeler and Evander Kane scored early for Winnipeg. Mark Scheifele missed in the sixth round before Vatanen beat Ondrej Pavelec to clinch the NHL-leading Ducks' third win in four games.

Blackhawks 4, Wild 1: Marian Hossa, Bryan Bickell and Brad Richards each had a goal and an assist, leading host Chicago over sliding Minnesota.

The weary Wild dropped their fifth consecutive game.

Panthers 4, Oilers 2: Brian Campbell scored the go-ahead goal in the second period, and visiting Florida got two more scores in the third period to win its third straight.

Tomas Kopecny, Jimmy Hayes and Sean Bergenheim also scored for the Panthers, who are 4-1 through the first five games of a six-game road trip. Jussi Jokinen added a pair of assists, and Roberto Luongo made 31 saves.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	43	27	12	4	58	140	111
Montreal	41	26	12	3	55	111	95
Detroit	42	22	11	9	53	117	106
Boston	43	22	15	6	50	113	111
Florida	40	20	11	9	49	100	105
Toronto	42	22	17	3	47	137	130
Ottawa	41	17	16	8	42	110	133
Buffalo	43	14	26	3	31	81	147

Metropolitan Division							
N.Y. Islanders	42	28	13	1	57	131	116
Pittsburgh	41	25	10	6	56	122	98
N.Y. Rangers	39	24	11	4	52	124	95
Washington	41	22	11	8	52	123	105
Columbus	40	18	19	3	39	104	131
Philadelphia	42	16	19	7	39	112	126
New Jersey	44	15	21	8	38	96	124
Carolina	42	13	24	5	31	88	112

Western Conference

	Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	41	28	9	4	60	125	93
Chicago	43	28	13	2	58	134	95
St. Louis	42	26	13	3	55	136	105
Winnipeg	43	21	14	8	50	113	109
Colorado	42	18	16	8	44	112	122
Dallas	41	18	16	7	43	126	135
Minnesota	41	18	18	5	41	111	121

Pacific Division							
Anaheim	43	27	10	6	60	121	118
Vancouver	40	23	14	3	49	113	104
San Jose	43	22	16	5	49	116	118
Los Angeles	42	19	13	10	48	119	112
Calgary	43	22	18	3	47	123	114
Arizona	41	16	21	4	36	97	136
Edmonton	43	10	24	9	29	97	145
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for a tie.							

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's games
Anaheim 5, Winnipeg 4, SO
Florida 4, Edmonton 2
Chicago 4, Minnesota 1

Tuesday's games
Tampa Bay 3, Philadelphia 1
Colorado at Washington
Toronto at Los Angeles

Wednesday's games
Tampa Bay at Boston
Detroit at Buffalo
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers
Minnesota at Pittsburgh
Colorado at Carolina
Edmonton at St. Louis
Vancouver at Nashville
Florida at Winnipeg
Ottawa at Dallas
San Jose at Arizona

Sunday

Blackhawks 4, Wild 1
Minnesota 0 0 0 1-0
Chicago 3 1 0 0-1
Period—1, Chicago, Hossa
(Toews, Saad), 4:17; 2, Chicago, Bickell 9
(Kane, Richards), 7:53
Period—2, Chicago, Hossa
(Toews, Hossa), 18:25

Third Period
Missed Penalty Shot—Zucker, Min.
Shots on Goal—Minnesota 14-12-11,
37-60; Chicago 13-14-26, 53-53
Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 0-4 (Chicago 1), 17-20
Goals—Minnesota, Bickell 5-6-3
(35 shots-31 saves), Chicago, Crawford
17-8-2 (37-23)
A—21,809 (19,171), T—2:19.

Panthers 4, Oilers 2

Florida 0 0 1 2-0
Edmonton 0 0 1 0-4
Period—1, Florida, Hayes 13
(Bjugstad, Jokinen), 4:01.
Second Period
Goal—Schultz, 4:07; 3, Florida, Campbell 3 (Edlund, Johnson), 6:56.
Third Period
Goal—Kopecny, 1:02; Kopecny 2 (Mackenzie, Upshall), 5:08; 5, Edmonton, Pouliot 1 (Fries, Schreiner), 10:40; 6, Edmonton, Bergenheim 7 (Fleischmann), 15:28.
Period—4, 10-14-33.
Power-play opportunities—Florida 0-4 (Edmonton 1), 17-20
Goals—Florida, Luongo 3-7-7 (33 shots-31 saves), Oilers, Scrivens 8-14-7 (27-23).
A—16,839 (16,839), T—2:21.

Ducks 5, Jets (SO)

Winnipeg 3 1 0 0-4
Anaheim 4 1 0 0-5
Period—1, Anaheim, Hossa 13-16-33
(Lewny, Enstrom), 7:04; 3, Anaheim, Campbell 12 (Palmeri), 8:33 (pp); 3, Winnipeg, Bogenmeyer 1 (Fries, Schreiner), 9:49; 4, Winnipeg, Scheifele 7 (Perreault, Byfuglien), 14:28.
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North Carolina State's Cody Martin, left, dives after a loose ball with Duke's Rasheed Sulaimon during the second half at PNC Arena in Raleigh, N.C., on Sunday. N.C. State won, 87-75.

Top 25 roundup

NC State downs Devils

No. 2 Duke loses first; No. 4 Badgers, No. 7 Arizona also fall

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Kyle Washington hopped on a court-side table to celebrate amid a crowd of North Carolina State fans jumping around at midnight. Anthony "Cat" Barber posed with fans taking selfies amid the chaos.

The Wolfpack had turned No. 2 Duke's latest visit to Raleigh into yet another party — complete with ending the Blue Devils' unbeaten start.

Trevor Lacey scored 21 points and N.C. State shot 55 percent to beat Duke 87-75 on Sunday, knocking off one of the last three undefeated teams in the country.

"Today we just all put it together and we just played as a team," Lacey said. "When we play like this, we're a good team."

N.C. State (12-5, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) knocked down shots all day — some wide open after defensive breakdowns — and made 10 of 16 three-pointers. Defensively, the Wolfpack ran constant double teams at preseason All-American Jahmi Okafor to slow Duke's big man.

The Wolfpack dominated a second-half stretch with seven straight scoring possessions to build a 19-point lead — Duke's biggest deficit all season by far — then turned away the Blue Devils' late comeback.

It marked the second time in three seasons that an unbeaten Duke team visited Raleigh and headed to the locker room as the rowdy home crowd stormed the court to celebrate afterward.

The Blue Devils (14-1, 2-1) were No. 1 and 15-0 when it happened two years ago. Now top-ranked Kentucky and No. 3 Virginia are the nation's last unbeaten.

"Were we as tough as we needed to be?" coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "Does that mean we're soft? No. We're a good team. We need to learn to play at that level. You've got to be in these things to learn it."

Okafor finished with 23 points and 12 rebounds, but the Blue Devils shot 37 percent and just couldn't keep up when N.C. State's offense got rolling.

Ralston Turner scored 11 of his 16 points after halftime, including two straight 3s to break open a tie game. And BeeJay Anya added a career-high 14 points to lead a strong effort from the Wolfpack's big men, whose development has been a big focus of Mark Gottfried's staff.

"We got the ball inside and our big guys were productive," Gottfried said. "I think any time with any team ... the more productive guys are around the basket, it opens everything up on the perimeter."

Quinn Cook scored 18 points for Duke, who missed 20 of 27 three-pointers and couldn't make it through a pair of instant ACC road games unscored this week. The Blue Devils had a tougher-than-expected win at Wake Forest on Wednesday.

"These two games just taught us that we can lose," sophomore Matt Jones said. "If we don't bring our game every day."

Rutgers 67, No. 4 Wisconsin 62: Miles Mack had 19 of his 21 points in the second half and host Rutgers scored its biggest upset in school history, beating banged up No. 4 Wisconsin.

Kadeem Jack added 20 points for the Scarlet Knights (10-7, 2-2 Big Ten), whose previous biggest

upset was a win over No. 6 West Virginia in 1982.

Sam Decker and Nigel Hayes had 15 points apiece for Wisconsin (15-2, 3-1). The Badgers did not have leading scorer Frank Kaminsky for the game because of a concussion, and they lost guard Traevon Jackson early in the second half with an injury to his right leg.

Oregon State 58, No. 7 Arizona 56: Langston Morris-Walker made a go-ahead layup with 26 seconds left, lifting host Oregon State to its first win over a top-10 team since 2000.

Arizona's T.J. McConnell missed an off-balance shot with 1 second left, and Oregon State fans rushed the court at Gill Coliseum.

Morris-Walker had 12 points and eight rebounds, and Gary Payton II had 10 points and nine rebounds for the Beavers (11-4, 2-1 Pac-12).

McConnell had 13 points and six assists, and Rondae Hollis-Jefferson scored 14 points for the Wildcats (14-2, 2-1).

No. 15 Wichita State 67, Loyola of Chicago 53: Tekele Cotton hit four three-pointers and finished with 16 points to lead the Shockers.

Ron Baker scored 15. Fred VanVleet added 14 points and 10 assists, and the Shockers (14-2, 4-0 Missouri Valley Conference) took control in the second half. They outscored the Ramblers (12-4, 2-2) 44-25 after trailing by five at the break to pick up their 22nd straight league win.

Earl Peterson led Loyola with 13 points and Devon Turk scored 11. The emerging Ramblers hit 10 of 18 three-pointers.

NBA



BEN MARINO/AP

The Pacers' Roy Hibbert, left, is attended to after spraining his left ankle during the first half of Wednesday's game against the Golden State Warriors as teammate David West, right, looks on in Oakland, Calif. Hibbert left the game with the injury.

Around the NBA

Off their pace

Pacers' slide should serve as lesson to other teams

By ANTONIO GONZALEZ
The Associated Press

At this time a year ago, the Indiana Pacers were 29-7 and well on their way to finishing with the Eastern Conference's best record.

Suddenly, that seems like a long time ago.

Fast forward to the present and the Pacers are merely fighting for a playoff spot. They head into Tuesday night's game against Minnesota at 15-24, a shining example of how fast things can change in the NBA.

The biggest blow, of course, came when All-Star forward Paul George broke his right leg in a gruesome injury that occurred after running into a basketball stanchion during an intrasquad scrimmage for Team USA in Las Vegas on Aug. 1. The Pacers also lost Lance Stephenson in free agency to Charlotte and have endured one injury after another since the season began.

The latest scare came in a spirited 117-102 loss at Golden State on Wednesday night, when center Roy Hibbert landed awkwardly going for a rebound and sprained his left ankle. Hibbert, who missed four games earlier this season with an injury to the same ankle, has played through the injury since.

"We've been dealing with it all year," Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. "If a guy goes down, everybody else has to step up. It's nothing new to this season."

What has happened to the Pacers is one of the league's most perplexing developments this season. It also has served as a lesson for some teams on top

not to take the good times for granted.

After all, a couple of bad breaks and they could be tumbling next.

"This game is so fragile," said Warriors coach Steve Kerr, whose team has gone from a perennial afterthought to the best record in the league in just a few years. "It's such a delicate balance."

Here are some things to watch in the NBA this week:

King's return: Cleveland is expected to get LeBron James back this week, and his return couldn't come any sooner. The Cavaliers are 1-7 since James has been out with knee and back injuries. They visit the Suns on Tuesday, Lakers on Thursday and Clippers on Friday.

Soaring Hawks: Atlanta has won eight straight and 22 of 24 games to rise to the top of the East. The Hawks hit the road for games at Philadelphia, Boston, Toronto and Chicago.

Biggest losers: About the only thing New York and Minnesota seem to be competing for is the top spot in the draft lottery. Each team has lost 15 games in a row. It's the longest single-season losing streak in Knicks history, and things are getting so bad in the Big Apple that fans are putting bags over their heads at Madison Square Garden.

Minnesota's longest single-season skid is 16, which the Wolves last did during the 2009-10 season.

Stabilizing Pistons: Detroit is 8-1 since making the surprising decision to waive Josh Smith and absorb the rest of his contract. The Pistons play Toronto, New Orleans, Indiana and Philadelphia next.

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Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	25	11	.694	—
Brooklyn	16	21	.432	9½
Boston	12	23	.343	12½
Philadelphia	7	29	.194	18
New York	5	35	.125	22

Southeast Division				
Atlanta	29	8	.784	—
Washington	25	12	.676	4
Miami	16	21	.432	13
Charlotte	15	24	.385	15
Orlando	13	27	.325	17½

Central Division				
Chicago	26	12	.684	—
Milwaukee	20	19	.513	6½
Cleveland	19	19	.500	7
Indiana	15	24	.385	11½
Detroit	13	24	.351	12½

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	26	11	.703	—
Memphis	26	11	.703	—
Dallas	26	12	.684	½
San Antonio	22	15	.606	3½

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New Orleans	18	18	.500	7½
Northwest Division				
Portland	30	8	.789	—
Oklahoma City	18	19	.486	11½
Denver	17	20	.459	12½
Utah	13	25	.342	17

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Minnesota	5	31	.139	24
Pacific Division				
Golden State	29	5	.853	—
L.A. Clippers	25	13	.658	6
Phoenix	22	18	.550	10
Sacramento	16	21	.432	14

Saturday's games

Charlotte 110, New York 82
L.A. Clippers 120, Dallas 100
Philadelphia 93, Indiana 92
Toronto 109, Boston 96
Detroit 80, Brooklyn 83
Chicago 95, Milwaukee 87
Houston 97, Utah 82
Portland 108, Minnesota 93
San Antonio 103, Orlando 92

Sunday's games

Atlanta 120, Washington 89
Miami 104, L.A. Clippers 89
Memphis 122, Phoenix 110, 2OT
Sacramento 103, Cleveland 84
Portland 106, L.A. Lakers 84

Monday's games

Detroit at Toronto
Houston at Brooklyn
New Orleans at Boston
Orlando at Chicago
Tuesday's games
Atlanta at Philadelphia
San Antonio at Washington
Minnesota at Indiana
Cleveland at Phoenix
Golden State at Utah
Dallas at Sacramento
Miami at L.A. Lakers

Sunday Hawks 120, Wizards 89

WASHINGTON — Pierce 5-10 0-11, Nene 6-8 2-14, Gortat 4-2 3-10, Wall 6-11 3-15, Beal 4-12 2-12, Humphries 4-11 3-13, Butler 3-7 0-8, Seraphin 6-9 1-13, Porter 0-2 0-0, Miller 0-1 0-0, Temple 0-1 0-0, Webster 1-1 1-3, Gooden 0-3 0-0, Totals 36-76 12-15-8.

ATLANTA — Carroll 5-9 4-5 15, Millsap 4-8 3-13, Horford 6-12 2-15, Teague 4-12 2-21, Korver 6-8 2-3 19, Atlanta 3-6 3-12, Sefolosha 2-5 2-3, Jeffery 2-5 10 0-0 11, Schroder 4-14 0-10, Bazemore 1-0 2-0, Chandler 0-1 0-0, Muzaka 1-2 2-4, Totals 42-89 20-24-12.

Washington 22 28 17 12-89
2-24, Ennis 1-2 0-3, Chalmers 0-2 2-2, Wade 5-15 7-17, Whiteside 10-13 3-4 23, Ennis 1-2 0-3, Cole 2-4 0-5, Granger 3-9 0-0, Haslem 4-9 0-0, Totals 39-81, 20-24-10.

L.A. CLIPPERS — Barnes 2-4 2-8, Griffin 10-19 5-7 26, Jordan 23-30 2-4, Paul 9-17 2-23, Redick 6-10 0-14, Hawes 0-2 0-4, Crawford 1-9 2-4, Farford 2-5 0-5, Bulluck 0-1 0-0, Davis 0-1 2-2, Udoh 0-0 0-0, Douglas-Roberts 0-0 0-0, Totals 34-75 13-18-90.

Miami 23 23 24 18-104
Three-point Goals—Miami 6-21 (Deng 2-4, Ennis 1-2, Cole 2-3), Clippers 9-26 (Paul 3-8, Barnes 2-2, Redick 2-4, Crawford 1-4, Bulluck 0-5, Hawes 0-2, Crawford 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Double-Doubles—Miami 16, L.A. Clippers 35 (Griffin, Jordan 6), Assists—Miami 28 (Wade 10), L.A. Clippers 17 (Paul 9). Total Fouls—Miami 20, L.A. Clippers 24. Technicals—Barnes, Crawford, Jordan, Paul. A—19,860 (19,000).



BRANDON DILL/AP

Grizzlies forward Zach Randolph shoots between Suns forward Markieff Morris, left, and center Alex Len in the first half on Sunday in Memphis, Tenn.

Grizzlies 122, Suns 110

PHOENIX — Tucker 4-9 1-11, Mark Morris 7-15 2-17, Len 5-9 4-14, G.Dragic 4-11 1-2, Bledsoe 5-16 0-11, MarcMorris 5-12 0-11, Thomas 7-14 4-20, Phoenix 0-0 1-2, Wright 3-4 1-2, Green 2-8 4-5, Totals 47-100 18-21-11.

MEMPHIS — Allen 5-11 2-2, 12, Randolph 11-15 6-7, Gasol 5-14 3-12, Conley 9-18 3-25, Lee 1-13 2-4 18, Udoh 4-6 0-9, Leuer 1-2 1-3, Carter 1-8 1-2, Koutoucas 2-5 1-2, Calathes 3-7 0-0 3, Totals 48-100 17-24-12.

Phoenix 18 26 25 35 7 2-110
Memphis 22 29 24 26 7 14-122
Three-Point Goals—Phoenix 8-35 (Tucker 2-6, Thomas 2-7, Green 1-4, Mark Morris 1-4, Bledsoe 1-5, MarcMorris 1-5, Wright 0-1, G.Dragic 0-3), Memphis 9-21 (Carter 4-7, Lee 2-5, Calathes 1-2, Udoh 1-2, Conley 1-5). Fouled Out—G.Dragic, Len, MarkMorris, Randolph.

Rebounds—Phoenix 53 (Len 13), Memphis 49 (Z Randolph 17). Assists—Phoenix 20 (Bledsoe 5), Memphis 24 (Conley 8). Total Fouls—Phoenix 27, Memphis 25. A—17,212 (18,119).

Kings 103, Cavaliers 84

CLEVELAND — Miller 1-3 0-3 10-16, 21-23 25, Mozgov 6-8 2-4 14, Irving 7-18 2-4 21, Smith 2-10 0-4, Harris 1-4 0-5, Thompson 3-6 0-6, Dellavedova 2-5 0-6, Jones 0-1 0-0, Hayward 1-2 0-2 0, Totals 33-78 12-84.

SACRAMENTO — Gay 9-14 4-4 23, Thompson 3-8 1-2 7, Cousins 11-23 4-16, Collinson 6-10 2-16, McLemore 3-8 0-10, Stauskas 0-2 1-2, Leonard 4-5 3-11, Hollins 1-2 1-2, Totals 42-96 13-10-13.

Cleveland 29 18 20 84
Sacramento 30 29 26 18-103
Three-Point Goals—Cleveland 13-32 (Irving 4-7, Love 3-9, Dellavedova 2-4, Miller 1-3, Harris 1-4, Jones 0-1, Smith 0-1, Sacramento 6-17 (Collinson 2-5, McCollum 0-2 1-2, Leonard 4-5 3-11, Thompson 3-6 0-6, Williams 2-6 0-5, Hollins 1-2 1-2). Totals 42-96 13-10-13.

Sacramento 1-5, Stauskas 0-1, Jones 0-1, Thompson 3-6 0-6, Williams 2-6 0-5, Hollins 1-2 1-2, Totals 42-96 13-10-13.

Cleveland 18 (Irving 7), Sacramento 20 (Collinson 6). Total Fouls—Cleveland 18, Sacramento 11. A—16,143 (17,317).

Trail Blazers 106, Lakers 94

PORTLAND — Batum 4-7 2-4 11, Alcorn 7-18 0-15, Kemmer 4-10 1-3, Lillard 13-23 4-5 34, Matthews 6-11 1-12 16, McCollum 0-2 1-2, Leonard 4-5 3-11, Blake 3-8 0-9, Robinson 0-1 0-0 1, Wright 0-1 1-2 3, Totals 44-85 18-15-19.

L.A. LAKERS — Johnson 7-14 0-0 17, Davis 1-4 1-3, Hill 6-11 2-4, Price 2-7 4-4, Alcorn 0-2 1-2, Batum 1-2, Bozser 6-8 1-3 13, Black 3-6 0-6, Young 3-11 2-23, Lin 3-9 3-2, Smith 2-5 0-5, Totals 36-81 15-19-94.

Portland 33 27 22 34-106
Lakers 20 25 24 29-94
Three-Point Goals—Portland 31-31, L.A. Lakers 4-8, Blake 3-7, Matthews 3-7, Leonard 1-2, Alcorn 0-2, Batum 1-2, Bozser 6-8 1-3 13, McCollum 0-1, L.A. Lakers 7-22 (Johnson 2-4, Kelley 1-2, Alcorn 0-2, Smith 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 32 (Kaman 12), L.A. Lakers 48 (Bozser 9). Assists—Portland 20, L.A. Lakers 29. Total Fouls—Portland 18, L.A. Lakers 21. A—18,997 (18,597).

NBA/SPORTS BRIEFS

NBA roundup

Grizzlies outlast Suns in double OT

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Marc Gasol struggled through regulation and the first overtime before finally getting untracked.

Gasol scored the first seven points of the second overtime, Zach Randolph had 27 points and 17 rebounds and the Memphis Grizzlies outlasted the Phoenix Suns 122-110 on Sunday night.

Gasol was 2-for-10 from the field before the second overtime.

The difference? "The ball went in," Gasol said. Gasol finished with 12 points. Mike Conley added 25 points and eight assists and Courtney Lee had 18 points.

While Gasol didn't elaborate on his play, others provided credit to the center.

"Marc was huge," Conley said. "Early on, it seemed like he wasn't as aggressive, and finally, it clicked. He wanted the ball."

Isaiah Thomas led Phoenix with 20 points, but had a costly turnover trying to get the ball into the front court with the Suns leading late in the first overtime — one of seven turnovers for Thomas.

The miscue led to a pair of free throws from Lee to tie it at 108, sending it into the second overtime where Memphis missed only one of seven shots compared to the Suns hitting only one of 11 shots.

Markieff Morris added 17 points for Phoenix, while Alex Len had 14 points and 13 rebounds. P.J. Tucker, Eric Bledsoe and Marcus Morris had 11 points apiece.

Bledsoe had a chance to win it in the first overtime, but his off-balance shot in the lane banged off the front of the rim at the buzzer.

"He went in with a little pump fake, but it looked like he slipped, and he couldn't get off a decent shot," Suns coach Jeff Hornacek said.

Phoenix has lost two straight.

The Suns trailed by 16 in the second half and 14 early in the fourth quarter. Tucker's layup tied it 101 with 5.9 left in regulation. The Grizzlies begged for basket interference, saying Bledsoe pulled the net as the ball was bouncing on the rim.

Trail Blazers 106, Lakers 94:

Damian Lillard scored 17 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter, leading visiting Portland.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 15 points and nine rebounds, and Chris Kaman added 12 rebounds and nine assists in his fourth start of the season and second against his former team. The Blazers have won 27 of their last 32 games and are a season-best 22 over .500 at 30-8.

Kobe Bryant was rested by Lakers coach Byron Scott for the sixth time in 11 games and second game in a row. The NBA's third-leading career scorer, playing in his 19th season at age 36, played in only six games last season due to a torn Achilles and a fracture in his left knee.

Kings 103, Cavaliers 84: DeMarcus Cousins had 26 points and 13 rebounds and Sacramento handed Cleveland its seventh loss in eight games with LeBron James out with a strained back and sore left knee.

Rudy Gay added 23 points for Sacramento. Darren Collison had 16, and Carl Landry 11.

Kevin Love led the Cavaliers with 25 points and 10 rebounds, and Kyrie Irving scored 14 of his 21 points in the first quarter and had seven assists.

Hawks 120, Wizards 89: Kyle Korver scored 19 points and DeMarre Carroll had 16 to help Eastern Conference-leading Atlanta beat visiting Washington for its eighth straight victory.

Korver was 5-for-7 from three-point range, improving his NBA-leading percentage to 50.2. His smoothest move, however, was a behind-the-back pass to Carroll for a layup and a 64-54 lead in the third.

Heat 104, Clippers 90: Chris Bosh scored 34 points, Hassan Whiteside had career highs of 23 points and 16 rebounds off the bench and Miami beat Los Angeles to end a three-game road skid.

Whiteside was 10-for-13 from the field and 3-for-4 from the line in 28 minutes. Dwyane Wade added 17 points and 10 assists.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Broncos defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio reportedly will get a second interview with the Raiders.

Briefly

Bills announce Ryan hiring

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Rex Ryan is officially going from Broadway to Buffalo.

The Bills announced in a news release Monday that Ryan has been hired to take over as coach. The news came a day after the former New York Jets coach tentatively accepted the Bills' contract offer. Ryan replaces Doug Marrone, who stepped down abruptly on Dec. 31.

"Rex brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the position that we feel will be a tremendous benefit to our players and the entire Bills organization," owner Terry Pegula said in a statement released by the team. "He was very impressive during the interview process, as were many of the candidates to which we spoke. And we feel Rex is the best fit for our team."

Ryan will be formally introduced during a press conference scheduled for Wednesday.

The 52-year-old is a defensive specialist. Ryan had a 50-52 record, including 4-21 in the playoffs, in six seasons coaching the Bills' AFC East rival. He was fired following a 4-12 finish last season.

Source: Del Rio gets 2nd Raiders interview

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Denver defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio will be the first candidate to have a second interview with the Oakland Raiders for their head coaching job as the two-week search could be nearing a conclusion.

A person with knowledge of the plans said Monday that Del Rio will interview with Oakland on Tuesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team is not releasing details on interviews.

Del Rio met with Raiders owner Mark Davis during the Broncos' bye week. With Denver being eliminated from the playoffs on Sunday, Del Rio is available for a second interview and will be able to sit down with general manager Reggie McKenzie as well.

Del Rio grew up in the Bay Area and his parents are season-ticket holders. He has been defensive coordinator in Denver for the past three seasons, helping the Broncos win three straight AFC West titles.

Before that, he was head coach in Jacksonville for nine seasons. Del Rio had a 68-71 regular-season

record with the Jaguars and made the playoffs in 2005 and 2007, winning one playoff game in his second postseason trip. He was fired with five games remaining in the 2011 season.

In other NFL news:

■ Gary Kubiak has decided to remain offensive coordinator of the Baltimore Ravens rather than seek a job elsewhere as a head coach.

Kubiak coached the Houston Texans for eight years before joining the Ravens this season.

NBA OKs trade sending Green to Grizzlies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — "The NBA has approved a five-player trade between Memphis Grizzlies, Boston Celtics and New Orleans Pelicans that includes forward Jeff Green going from Boston to Memphis.

In the trade, the Grizzlies send forward Tayshaun Prince to Boston and forward Quincy Pondexter to New Orleans. The Grizzlies also acquired point guard Russ Smith from New Orleans, and a traded player exception. The Pelicans send Austin Rivers, the 10th overall pick in 2012, to Boston.

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Seattle puts to rest ugly playoff struggles

By TIM BOOTH

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — In the buildup to their playoff opener, the Seattle Seahawks never acknowledged the history of flameouts that followed Super Bowl champions that made the playoffs the following season.

Then again, the entire second half of this season has been about the Seahawks putting history in the past and focusing on the present.

"Guys are playing selfless. There aren't any egos, there aren't any agendas, and guys just want to do whatever it takes to win," Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman said.

"If that means making a tackle, then make the tackle; if that means catching the football, we're going to catch the football. Guys are playing for one another, they don't care about stats, nor do they care about anything else."

Seattle used a bevy of big plays in its 31-17 win over Carolina on Saturday night in an NFC divisional playoff game, becoming the first defending Super Bowl champion to win a playoff game since New England in January 2006.

The Seahawks used two of the longest scoring plays in franchise



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Cornerback Richard Sherman and the Seahawks advanced to the NFC championship game against the Packers, who kept Aaron Rodgers from throwing to Sherman's side of the field in the season opener, when Rodgers had an 81.5 passer rating.

postseason history and a virtuoso passing performance from Russell Wilson to overwhelm the Panthers and advance to the NFC championship game for the second straight season.

Seattle will host Green Bay in the conference title game Sunday, a rematch of the first game of the regular season when the Seahawks outscored the Packers 19-6 in the second half for a 36-16 victory.

"It's going to be one of those for the ages," Wilson said. "You look

forward to that, and I definitely look forward to playing at home."

The biggest play of Seattle's victory was Kam Chancellor's 90-yard interception return for a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter that gave the Seahawks a 21-point lead. But that was just part of a night of big plays from the Seahawks, especially in the pass game.

Seattle had six offensive plays of 25 yards or more, five of those coming in the pass game. Jermaine Kearse had the best day of

his career with 129 yards receiving, including a 63-yard touchdown where he pulled in the pass from Wilson with one arm while shielding the defender.

Kearse had two other catches of 33 yards, and Luke Willson had receptions of 29 and 25 yards in the fourth quarter, the second for a touchdown.

The five passes of 25 or more yards tied the most in Wilson's career. He threw for 268 yards, but 199 of those came on third downs where Wilson was a perfect 8 for 8 passing.

His passer rating of 149.2 was the fifth-highest in postseason history and Wilson now has a career passer rating of 109.6 in the playoffs, the highest all time for any QB with at least 150 pass attempts.

"Sometimes I think I'm made for these situations," Wilson said. "I just try to be prepared for us. When you're prepared, you're never scared. You just go."

One of the big questions with Green Bay revisiting is will the Packers challenge Sherman this time? In the season opener, Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers did not throw to Sherman's side once, cutting off one-third of the field. Rodgers' passer rating of 81.5 in the loss was his second-lowest of the season.

That was long before Seattle started on its current run of defensive dominance. Carolina finished with 362 total yards on Saturday, with most of those coming in the fourth quarter with the Panthers trailing. They were the first team to top 300 total yards against the Seahawks since the New York Giants in Week 10.

Carolina was also the first team to score in the fourth quarter against Seattle since Kansas City in Week 11.

"We're mad about those seven points," defensive end Cliff Avril said.

Seattle will again have injury concerns going into the NFC championship game. Center Max Unger re-injured his ankle late in the fourth quarter. Saturday was Unger's first game since Week 11, having missed the final six games of the regular season with a high-ankle sprain.

Cornerback Byron Maxwell appeared on just four special-teams plays after missing practice during the week with an illness.

And Seattle will be without rookie wide receiver Paul Richardson as well after suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Richardson had 13 receptions in the final three games of the regular season and one catch on Saturday.

Resilient Patriots stay confident despite doubts

By HOWARD ULMAN

The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Skeptics pounced when a blowout loss left the New England Patriots with a 2-2 record.

Quarterback Tom Brady was over the hill, they said. Maybe Bill Belichick wasn't a coaching genius after all.

But the Patriots never had doubts. Not when they endured grueling practices to get back on track. And not when they trailed by 14 points twice in their most important game — so far — of the season.

"There was never any panic," special teams ace Matthew Slater said of their 35-31 divisional playoff win over the Baltimore Ravens on Saturday. "I think we just turned to each other and said, 'Hey, man, we've come too far to surrender now.'"

Even if no team in NFL history had won a playoff game after falling behind twice by at least 14 points.

The stirring victory against a postseason nemesis was another step in the Patriots quest for a fourth Super Bowl title and their sixth appearance in that game in Brady's 13 seasons as a starter. The Patriots are in the AFC title game for the ninth time in those 13 years and for the fourth straight season.

They'll host Indianapolis on Sunday. The Colts advanced with a 24-13 win over the Denver Broncos in an AFC divisional game Sunday. The Patriots routed the Colts 42-20 on Nov. 16 at Indianapolis.

"Every team starts the year with great hope and we were one of those teams," Brady said, "and we're still standing."

The Patriots (13-4) began the season with a 33-20 loss in Miami in which they let

the Dolphins come back from a 20-10 halftime deficit. After two wins, they lost 41-14 in Kansas City after falling into a 27-0 hole that even they couldn't overcome.

They began their comeback to a playoff berth with a 43-17 rout of Cincinnati, starting a 10-1 run that included consecutive 22-point wins over Denver and Indianapolis. They rested key players in their 17-9 loss to Buffalo in the finale after having clinched the top seed in the AFC.

Then Baltimore came to town and scored touchdowns on its first two possessions in a stadium where it was 2-1 in the playoffs. The Patriots tied it at 14 then trailed 28-14 early in the third quarter.

"I don't think that's a formula to win a lot of playoff games," Belichick said of the 14-point deficits, but "they're a tough group and they never give up, no matter what the situation is."

Last season the Patriots overcame double-digit halftime deficits for two victories — 27-17 over Miami after trailing 17-3 and 34-31 over Denver in overtime after trailing 24-0.

"We've been in some games where it seemed like we were out of it and you just keep playing," safety Devin McCourty said. "With our offense, they can always put points on the board."

Even after the star quarterback makes what he called "a terrible play."

With the score 14-14 with just over a minute left in the first half, Brady threw an interception to Daryl Smith and the Ravens capitalized on Joe Flacco's 11-yard touchdown pass to Owen Daniels for a 21-14 halftime lead.

Then Baltimore made it 28-14 on Flac-



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Patriots receiver Danny Amendola dives into the end zone for a touchdown Saturday. After a rough start to the season, the Pats have rallied into the AFC title game.

co's 16-yard pass to Justin Forsett.

"Down 14 points through two stretches of the game and to be able to overcome that kind of obstacle, it speaks a lot about the character and the guys on this team," cornerback Kyle Arrington said Sunday.

Brady made his own personal comeback after an incompletion on his first pass after Forsett's touchdown.

He completed 17 of his remaining 22 passes. His last throw was a 23-yard touchdown to Brandon LaFell that gave the Patriots their only lead with just over five minutes left. It was Brady's 46th scoring pass, one more than previous NFL leader Joe Montana.

"Tom's competitive," offensive lineman

Ryan Wendell said, "but he doesn't let anything get him down."

College quarterback Julian Edelman also did his part, throwing a 51-yard touchdown pass to Danny Amendola that tied the game at 28 after taking a backward throw from Brady.

"You've got to unload everything you've got to win against a team like that," Edelman said.

But the Patriots have plenty of room for improvement. Against Baltimore, they rushed for just 14 yards, the second fewest in team playoff history, gave up 428 yards and four touchdown passes and had a five-minute deficit in time of possession.

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Scoreboard

Playoff glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
 Carolina 27, Arizona 16
 Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 17
Sunday, Jan. 4
 Indianapolis 26, Cincinnati 10
 Dallas 24, Detroit 20

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 10
 New England 5, Baltimore 31
 Seattle 31, Carolina 17
Sunday, Jan. 11
 Green Bay 26, Dallas 13
 Indianapolis 24, Denver 33

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 18
 Green Bay at Seattle
 Indianapolis at New England

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
 at Glendale, Arizona
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion

Sunday

Packers 26, Cowboys 21

Dallas 7 7 10 6-26
 Green Bay 7 3 10 6-26

First Quarter
 GB—Quarles 4 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 8:30.
 Dal—Clutsis 1 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 1:05.

Second Quarter
 Dal—Williams 38 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 8:19.
 GB—FG Crosby 40, 0:00.

Third Quarter
 GB—FG Crosby 30, 7:46.
 Dal—Murray 1 run (Bailey kick), 4:12.
 GB—O.Adams 46 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 1:41.

Fourth Quarter
 GB—R.Rodgers 13 pass from A.Rodgers (pass failed), 9:10.
 A—79,704.

Individual Statistics
Rushing—Dal: Murray 15-109-0-191.
 Green Bay: A.Rodgers 24-26-0-316.
Receiving—Dallas: Romo 6-71. Boasile 3-38. Williams 1-38. Murray 1-5. Clutsis 1-1. Green Bay: Cobb 8-116. A.Adams 4-31. Nelson 2-22. R.Rodgers 1-13. Lacy 1-10. Kuhn 1-6.

Missed field goals—Dallas 15:0.
Colts 24, Broncos 13

Indianapolis 0 14 7 3-24
 Denver 7 3 0 3-13

First Quarter
 Den—D.Thomas 1 pass from Manning (Heron kick), 10:00.

Second Quarter
 Ind—Heron 6 run (Vinatieri kick), 14:14.
 Ind—Allen 3 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 7:23.

Third Quarter
 Den—FG Barth 45, 0:2.
 Ind—Nicks 15 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 8:21.

Fourth Quarter
 Den—FG Barth 41, 13:50.
 Ind—FG Vinatieri 30, 4:06.
 A—76,887.

Individual Statistics
Rushing—Indianapolis: Heron 23-63. Luck 2-21. Tipton 2-14. Hilton 1-1. Denver: Anderson 18-90. Hillman 2-8.

Passing—Indianapolis: Luck 27-43-2-265. Denver: Manning 26-46-0-211.

Receiving—Indianapolis: Heron 8-32. Hilton 4-72. Allen 4-30. Fleener 3-49. Doyle 2-20. McEntee 2-20. Tipton 2-24. Tipton 1-2. Denver: Sanders 7-46. T.Harris 6-53. Anderson 6-29. D.Thomas 5-59. Welker 1-20. Green 1-4.

Missed field goals—Indianapolis: Vinatieri 44 (WR).

Most touchdown TD passes
Throughout Jan. 11

45 — Tom Brady
 45 — Jo Montana
 45 — Drew Brees
 45 — Peyton Manning

32 — Dan Marino
 32 — Terry Warren
 30 — Terry Bradshaw

27 — John Elway

Manning's future murky after loss

Broncos face tough decisions following another playoff disappointment

By EDDIE PELLIS
 The Associated Press

DENVER — The question was simple: Are you coming back next year?

As was the case with almost everything Sunday, Peyton Manning didn't have much of an answer. Or at least not the ones Broncos fans were looking for.

A few minutes after Denver's 24-13 loss to Indianapolis in the AFC divisional playoffs, the 38-year-old quarterback was noncommittal about returning for the 2015 season, which would be his fourth in the Mile High City.

Asked in his postgame news conference where his mindset is for next season, Manning reiterated what he had said earlier to Broncos play-by-play voice Dave Logan: "I didn't have a great answer for him."

Asked again, directly, if he could say "I'm coming back," Manning didn't budge, saying he was more focused on the disappointment of the loss to his former team.

"I can't give a simple answer without processing it," he said. "I can't say that. I could not say that."

A marked contrast from last year at the Super Bowl, when Manning committed to coming back for 2014, or as recently as two weeks ago when he said he "certainly" planned on being back for 2015 if the Broncos would have him.

Until the middle of November, that never looked as if it was in doubt.

Then, came the 22-7 loss to the Rams that motivated the Broncos to revamp their entire offense, turning a unit that broke NFL records for scoring and passing in 2013 into a grind-it-out operation.

Around then, questions percolated about the health of the 17th-year quarterback. In the aftermath of his 26-for-46, 211-yard performance against his former team — his second home playoff loss in the AFC divisional round in three seasons in Denver — Manning was forthcoming about a thigh bruise he suffered in a Dec. 14 game at San Diego. Yes, it lingered, but it wasn't bad enough to keep him out of this one.

"Nothing more to it than that," he said. "And I... felt good with it coming into the day."



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning watches the final seconds of Sunday's divisional playoff loss to the Indianapolis Colts in Denver. Manning's career playoff record fell to 1-1-3, and 2-3 since joining the Broncos three seasons ago.

If he's not injured, that leaves only one obvious explanation for the deterioration of his game.

He's getting old. Fast.

Stats tell part of the story. Since the Rams game, his quarterback rating has been 84.6, about 13 points below his career average.

Pictures do, too. Even for a quarterback who can't run, it was hard watching him roll out in the third quarter, then pass up the run and instead throw an incompletion despite a 20-yard gap between him and any defender on a

third-and-5.

"Didn't play well enough today and didn't play well enough consistently in the second half of the season, especially in the games we lost," Manning said those decisions.

His unwillingness to commit made coach John Fox's same stance behind the same podium a few minutes earlier seem more understandable.

Asked about a pregame report that he could be available if the Broncos suffered a loss Sunday, Fox hardly shot it down.

"I don't make those decisions," he said. "I don't control that. My intentions are to be a Denver Bronco and have been since I got here."

It should make Monday, and Tuesday and beyond interesting at Broncos headquarters, where executive vice president John Elway will be meeting with everyone, figuring out whether he needs to go to the "Plan B" that he readily admitted he didn't have when he threw all his chips in with Manning in the 2012 offseason.

The goal was Super Bowl titles. Instead, Manning is 2-3 in the playoffs with Denver.

Because of uncertainty about his comeback from multiple neck surgeries, Manning didn't receive a signing bonus when he came to Denver, so the cost of him leaving would be negligible and would free up the \$38 million he stands to make over the next two seasons.

Still, Elway spent \$60 million in guaranteed money last offseason on long-term contracts to upgrade his defense, which he said was the missing piece after Denver's 43-8 loss to the Seahawks last season in the Super Bowl.

The idea — one Elway reiterated to Manning at midseason when things started going south — was that the quarterback shouldn't have to do it all himself.

But the Broncos can't do it when he's not playing well, either. And so, it's time for some soul searching, which for Manning will begin Monday.

It may not be pretty.

"I've always taken a pretty accurate look and fair evaluation of myself," he said. "I think I'm as honest with myself as anybody else is and probably as critical of myself as anybody else is."

Ring: Three of four QBs left have won titles

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"We're not satisfied," Indianapolis coach Chuck Pagano said. "This is a great, great victory, but we've got an ultimate goal that we're chasing."

A day earlier, Brady threw for three TDs and ran for another at top-seeded New England edging Baltimore 35-31, becoming the first team in NFL history to win a postseason game after twice falling behind by 14 points.

In the NFC, Green Bay eliminated Dallas 26-21 Sunday in a game that will be remembered for a key officiating decision: What appeared to be a "How did he do that?" leaping catch by Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant on fourth down late in the fourth quarter was erased after a replay review.

Top-seeded Seattle advanced Saturday with a 31-17 win over Carolina. Safety Kam Chancellor stole the show with a 90-yard interception return for a touch-



Green Bay Packers at Seattle Seahawks
 NFL Sports
 9 p.m. Sunday CET
 12:30 a.m. Monday JKT

Indianapolis Colts at New England Patriots
 NFL Sports
 12:30 a.m. Monday CET
 8:30 a.m. Monday JKT

down and a pair of vaults over the offensive line on field-goal attempts by the Panthers.

Here are some of the top topics looking ahead to the AFC and NFC championship games:

You again? Seattle and New England each opened as a touchdown favorite, perhaps because these will be rematches of lopsided regular-season games. The Seahawks beat the Packers 36-16 in the NFL opener; Seattle accumulated more than 200 yards on the ground, including Marshawn Lynch's 110 yards and two scores, while Rodgers avoided throwing in the direction of cornerback Richard Sherman. The Patriots defeated the Colts 42-20 in Week 11; running back Jonas Gray accounted for 201 yards and four TDs, but he's been pretty much invisible since and was inactive against the Ravens.

Rodgers' calf. No muscle will be as heavily scrutinized over the next week as the 2011 NFL MVP's

left calf. Despite that leg injury, Rodgers managed to pass for 316 yards and three TDs against Dallas, closing with 10 consecutive completions. "I think," Rodgers said, "I got 120 minutes left in me."

Trying to repeat: Wilson's Seahawks are attempting to put an end to the longest drought without a repeat champion in nearly 50 years of Super Bowls. Brady's Patriots of a decade ago were the last team to go back-to-back.

Ticker-tack: What will Patriots coach Bill Belichick devise as an encore? New England foiled Baltimore by using four offensive linemen during one scoring drive — "The league will look at that type of thing, and I'm sure that they'll make some adjustments," Ravens coach John Harbaugh huffed — and by having receiver Julian Edelman (a quarterback in college) complete a 51-yard TD toss on a double-pass play.

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JACK DEMPSEY/AP

Colts quarterback Andrew Luck, left, throws under pressure by the Broncos' DeMarcus Ware, right, during Sunday's AFC divisional playoff game in Denver. Indianapolis won 24-13 and will face the New England Patriots on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass., in the conference championships.

Luck, Colts oust Broncos

Manning mulls future following playoff loss at home

By ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

DENVER — Andrew Luck displaced Peyton Manning in Indianapolis, and now he might have sent his predecessor into retirement, too.

Manning was murky about his future following Denver's 24-13 loss to the Colts in the AFC divisional round Sunday, the Broncos' first loss at home in 13 months.

After saying last month that he planned on coming back for an 18th season, the five-time MVP wasn't so certain after his latest playoff fiasco.

"I guess I just can't get that simple answer," Manning said. "I'm processing it. So, I can't say that."

Luck, the top pick in the 2012 draft following Manning's fractious divorce from the Colts, has Indy one win away from its first Super Bowl since 2009. And he's not the least bit surprised the team has gone from 2-14 in 2011 to the cusp of a conference championship in three short years.

"I think there were high expectations," Luck said. "I remember the first day I walked in the building. It's a winning franchise and it seems to be in the DNA of the Colts that you win."

The Colts (13-5) visit New England (13-4) Sunday.

"It's good for us to be here now, but there's more work to do," Luck said. "To come on the road against a very good team in this round of the playoffs and get a win, that's huge and that's awesome."

This was the third time Denver's season ended in ugly fashion

'To come on the road against a very good team in this round of the playoffs and get a win, that's huge and that's awesome.'

Andrew Luck
Colts quarterback

since Manning switched teams in 2012.

While Manning ponders his future, GM John Elway might also be thinking about coach John Fox's status. He's won four straight AFC West crowns but keeps coming up short in what he calls the "real season."

"I'm the head coach, the buck stops here," Fox said.

Manning got off to another terrific start this season but once Julius Thomas sprained an ankle and lost his mojo, the Broncos weren't the same, either. Manning, bothered by a thigh injury, had just three TDs and six interceptions in December.

Yet, C.J. Anderson's emergence gave the Broncos (12-5) confidence they finally had the ingredients to avenge last year's wrenching Super Bowl loss to Seattle. That grinding ground game didn't show up Sunday. Neither did their star-studded defense that was unable to pressure Luck all afternoon.

Luck threw TD passes to Dwayne Allen and Hakeem Nicks and Daniel Herron ran for a score.

Manning, meanwhile, kept overthrowing Emmanuel Sanders and Demaryius Thomas deep.

"You never see Peyton overthrow guys," Colts defensive

tackle Jean Francois said. "He usually puts the ball right on the numbers. And when he kept overthrowing it, we knew we had him."

"The season's over. It's a huge disappointment," said Sanders. "It's sad because we definitely had the potential to be a Super Bowl-winning team."

Other takeaways from Denver's second home playoff loss in three years coming off a first-round bye:

Playoff pratfalls: The Broncos were the AFC's only unbeaten team at home and the only team in the NFL with a top-five offense and a top-five defense. But Manning has gone one-and-done in the playoffs a record nine times.

Each of his three seasons in Denver has ended in humbling losses, to the Ravens and Colts at home after first-round byes, and to Seattle in last year's Super Bowl.

Luck vs. Manning: It's now Luck 2, Manning 1.

Manning lost his emotional homecoming in 2013 but beat his former team 31-24 in the opener this season.

Luck completed 27 of 43 passes for 265 yards with two TDs and two interceptions or sacks in the rubber match.

Defense shines, shows there's more to Indy than Luck

By PAT GRAHAM
The Associated Press

DENVER — Everyone pretty much figured Peyton Manning would have his way with an Indianapolis defense that got carved up earlier this season by Ben Roethlisberger.

All the Colts really wanted to do was throw Manning a little bit off rhythm, enough to get Andrew Luck on the field with a chance to do his thing.

They did that and plenty more. Starting with a sack and forced fumble of Manning that led to the go-ahead touchdown, the Colts baffled the Denver quarterback during a 24-13 win Sunday in an AFC divisional playoff game.

Now, Indy's headed to New England to face the Patriots with a chance to make it back to the Super Bowl for the first time since Manning led them there after the 2009 season.

The turning point of the game was early in the second quarter when Jonathan Newsome stripped Manning of the football and Jerrell Freeman recovered it at the Denver 41.

A few plays later, Luck hit tight end Dwayne Allen on a short TD pass to put Indy up 14-7 — a lead the defense protected the rest of the way.

"Once we got into Manning's head — that was the biggest thing," defensive lineman Ricky Jean Francois said.

It's one thing to hold down Andy Dalton, which the Colts (13-5) did last week. But this was Manning, a five-time NFL MVP who frequently dominates defensive game plans.

Instead of merely holding Manning in check, they kept him at bay. Manning threw for a pedestrian 211 yards — 59 of which were in the final 1:52 and the

game all but out of reach.

So maybe the Colts aren't just all about Luck, after all.

"We want some of that glory, too. Show us some love," safety Mike Adams said, smiling. "Look, we know Luck is going to do his thing. We know he's going to go out there and ball out."

"As a defense, we want our own identity. We want to go out there and represent. We want to go out there and do our thing."

What the Colts did was confuse Manning by showing one look and backing off into another version. They constantly had pressure on him as well, sacking him twice and making him unsettled in the pocket.

"Coming in here, on their home turf, it was an incredible victory for the franchise," Indy owner Jim Irsay said.

Made possible by constantly bothering Manning. "We got some pressure on him," Freeman said. "We were able to capitalize on third-and-longs and get off the field when we had the opportunity."

That hasn't always been the case for Indy's defense this season. It's been a little maligned at times, especially after Roethlisberger threw for 522 yards and six TDs in a 51-34 win on Oct. 26.

Manning tried everything to get his team on track, even throwing long several times. But Indy's secondary didn't blink, making it difficult for Manning to locate Demaryius Thomas (five catches, 59 yards, one score) and Emmanuel Sanders (seven catches, 46 yards).

"Didn't play well enough," Manning said. "Their defense forced us into some bad execution. I thought we had some chances as well and I thought I could've played better."



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

Broncos running back C.J. Anderson, center, is stopped by Colts inside linebacker Jerrell Freeman, right, as Indianapolis' Jonathan Newsome, left, and Erik Walden defend during Sunday's divisional playoff game. The Colts' defense kept the pressure on Denver quarterback Peyton Manning, who threw for only 211 yards.

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Rodgers, replay send Pack to title game

Green Bay rallies to beat Dallas as review overturns Bryant's catch

By GENARO C. ARMAS
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Slowed by injury but perfect in the clutch, Aaron Rodgers used his accurate arm to help the Packers move one step closer to the Super Bowl.

An officiating call that went Green Bay's way also helped in a 26-21 victory Sunday over the Dallas Cowboys.

More stationary than usual because of a left calf injury, Rodgers went 9-for-9 in the fourth quarter, including a laser-like 13-yard touchdown pass to Richard Rodgers for the go-ahead score with 9:10 left of the fourth quarter.

It was the second of two touchdown passes that rallied the Packers from an eight-point deficit.

The fourth quarter also featured the officials overturning what was initially ruled a brilliant catch by Dallas' Dez Bryant.

On fourth-and-2 from the Packers 32 with 4:42 left and the Packers leading 26-21, Tony Romo threw a deep pass left. Cornerback Sam Shields had solid coverage. The 6-foot-2 Bryant jumped high over Shields for a 31-yard grab to the Packers 1. But Packers coach Mike McCarthy challenged the call, and it was ruled incomplete on replay review.

The NFL rule states the receiver must maintain control all the way to the ground. Replays showed Bryant bobbled the ball as he rolled into the end zone, with part of it touching the field.

"Some people think throwing the red flag is fun," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "It was such an impactful play, you have to challenge. It was a competitive challenge. And a hopeful one, too."

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said he thought Bryant got his feet down, then made a move common to the game.

"Dez reached out to the goal line like he's down so many times," Garrett said. "It's a signature play for him. He maintained possession of it throughout, in my opinion."

Referee Gene Steratore said a couple camera angles showed the ball hitting the ground, then Bryant losing possession.

"At the time he lands and the ball hits the ground, it comes loose as it hits the ground, which would make that incomplete," Steratore said. "Although he repossesses it, it does contact the ground when he reaches, so the repossession is irrelevant."

Hours after the game, Bryant tweeted: "as I went to the ground I rolled over and I tipped the ball to gain better control. We lost and



MATT LUTKE/AP

Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant catches a pass against Packers cornerback Sam Shields in the fourth quarter on Sunday (top), but loses control of the ball as he hits the ground (bottom). It was initially ruled a catch, but the play was challenged by the Packers and reversed.

‘C’m on, man. I’m just saying, I think it was a catch. Obviously, they didn’t think it was a catch, [the referees] took it away.’

Dez Bryant

Cowboys WR, whose catch was overturned on replay

I accept it, but please change that rule."

The Cowboys were stunned. After going 8-0 away from home in the regular season, Dallas' road winning streak came to a stunning end.

"This is really, seriously one of the more disappointing times I've had on a personal basis," owner Jerry Jones said.

All wasn't lost after the overturned call. The Cowboys could have seized another chance with the ball if their defense had stopped the Packers on two third-down plays with less than 3 minutes left.

The Packers (13-4) converted both times and the Cowboys (13-

5) started their offense.

Green Bay closed it out before a Lambeau-record 79,704 on Randall Cobb's diving 12-yard reception of a deflected pass on third-and-11.

While almost every Cowboys fan will remember this game for the reversed call, Garrett said the loss didn't come down to officiating.

"We had 60 minutes," Garrett said. "That play was big in the game, but there were plenty of other plays in the ballgame and unfortunately we didn't do things necessary to win the ballgame in the end."

Rodgers, bothered by a left calf he injured in Game 15, lost much

of his trademark elusiveness as the game wore on.

"A little bit worse, yeah," Rodgers said of how his calf felt as the game progressed. "Hard to say, see how it feels in the morning."

Regardless, he was on-target for a short pass to Davante Adams that turned into the 41-yard score to make it 21-20 with 1:41 left in the third quarter.

Then came the decisive fourth-quarter series on which Rodgers went 7-for-7.

He sharply guided the Packers 80 yards to the winning points, a 13-yard bullet to backup tight end Rodgers in the back of the end zone.

He finished 24-for-35 for 316 yards and extended his record string without a home interception to 442 attempts. He has 39 TD passes in that span.

The Packers went undefeated at Lambeau Field this season. They head to Seattle for the NFC title game.

The Seahawks (13-4) beat Green Bay in the season opener,

36-16.

"I think I got 120 minutes left in me," Rodgers said.

The Seahawks have seemingly improved on defense since then, while the Packers are better on offense.

But a slowed-down Rodgers will face a tough test trying to evade Seattle defenders.

"Going up to Seattle, they've got some guys that can get after the passer. We know it's going to be a challenge," guard T.J. Lang said. "We know everything starts with us up front as far as the run game and taking care of Aaron."

Running back Eddie Lacy provided the offensive balance that the Packers desperately needed with Rodgers limited. He ran for 101 yards on 19 carries, including 45 on the Packers' opening drive that ended with Andrew Quarless' touchdown catch.

Lacy has now run for at least 97 yards in six of his last seven games, just the kind of production the Packers need going into Seattle.

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NFL PLAYOFFS: DIVISIONAL ROUND



Feeling lucky?

Of four QBs still standing, Colts' Luck is only one without a ring

AP Photos

With Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady and Russell Wilson — pictured below, left to right — advancing this weekend, the Indianapolis Colts' Andrew Luck, above, is the only quarterback remaining in the playoffs without a Super Bowl ring.

By HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

With Tom Brady, Aaron Rodgers and Russell Wilson headed to the NFL's conference title games, this is the first time in 21 years — and only second time ever — that three of the final four teams are quarterbacked by a Super Bowl champion.

Yes, when it comes to the QBs who'll be involved in Colts-Patriots in the AFC and Packers-Seahawks in the NFC next Sunday, one of these is not like the others: Indianapolis' Andrew Luck is the lone member of the quartet in search of his first ring.

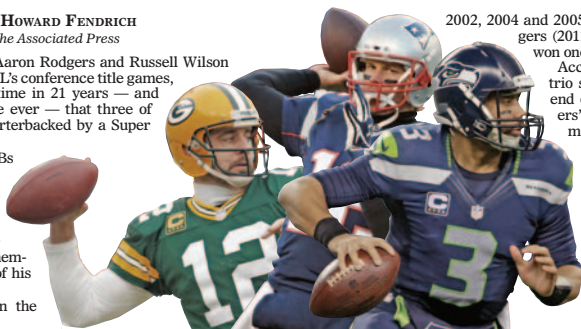
New England's Brady won the

2002, 2004 and 2005 Super Bowls, while Green Bay's Rodgers (2011) and Seattle's Wilson (last year) have won one trophy apiece.

According to STATS, the only other such trio still standing at this stage came at the end of the 1983-84 season, when the Raiders' Jim Plunkett, Redskins' Joe Theismann and 49ers' Joe Montana did it. (The fourth team was the Seahawks; Dave Krieg and Jim Zorn combined for five interceptions in a conference title game loss.)

The 25-year-old Luck led the Colts to this year's AFC finale by throwing for 265 yards and two touchdowns in a changing-of-the-guard 24-13 victory over 38-year-old Peyton Manning's Denver Broncos on Sunday night.

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